

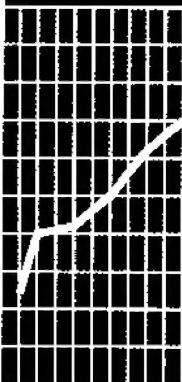


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NOTES

This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force in New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) component of the Monthly Population Survey, which is conducted on a sample basis throughout Australia. Explanatory notes for data contained in this publication can be found on page 47.

Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in the Technical note on data reliability on page 59.

EMPLOYMENT
ESTIMATES AFFECTED
BY TELEPHONE
INTERVIEWING

The ABS progressively introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey (LFS) over the period August 1996 to February 1997. As reported in the November 1996 issue, analysis of data during the period of implementation of telephone interviewing indicated that the new collection method was producing different employment estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology.

This implementation effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and is no longer discernible. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

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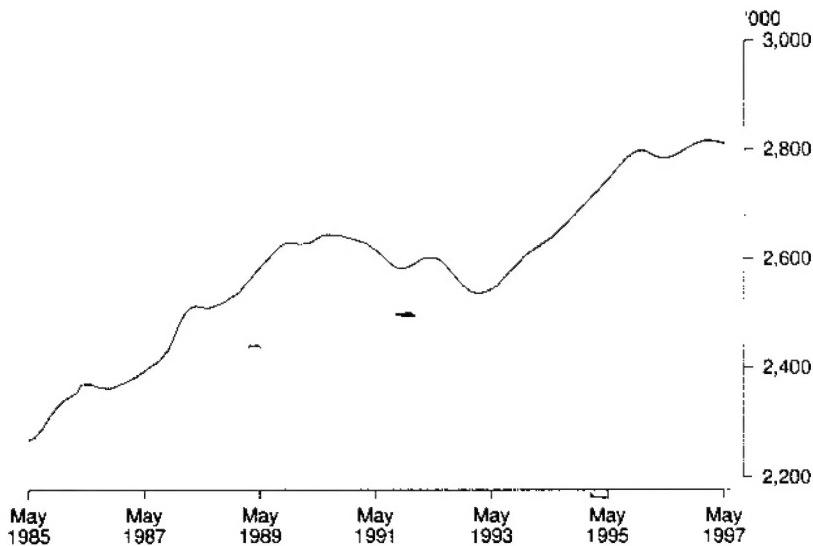
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS NSW

TREND ESTIMATES

Employed persons

Apart from some small falls early in 1996, trend employment in NSW increased each month from a trough of 2,537,000 people in February 1993 to 2,816,300 in February 1997 (a rise of 11% in 4 years). Since then the trend has fallen slightly to 2,811,600 in May 1997.

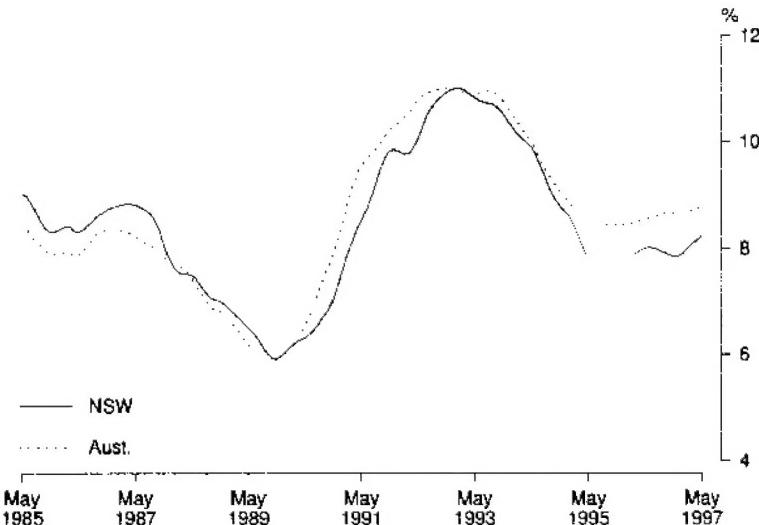


Unemployed persons

The trend estimate of unemployed people fell by 27% from a peak of 314,400 in January 1993 to 229,400 in July 1995. Since then, the trend has been rising (apart from small falls in the second half of 1996) and reached 252,500 in May 1997. This was 10% higher than the low point of July 1995.

Unemployment rate

The trend unemployment rate fell rapidly from a peak of 11.0% early in 1993 to a low of 7.6% in November 1995. From that point, the rate has risen slowly to reach 8.2% in May 1997.



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS NSW *continued*

Participation rate and labour force

The trend participation rate was 62.2% in May 1997. It has remained almost stationary over the past 12 months. The trend estimate of the labour force was 3,064,100 people, 1.2% higher than a year ago.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

In May 1997, the seasonally adjusted estimate of employment in NSW was 2,799,000, slightly higher than a year ago. The estimate has fluctuated over the past year.

A rise of nearly 6% in the past year took the estimate of unemployment to 254,300 in May 1997. The unemployment rate was 8.3% in May 1997 compared to 8.0% a year earlier.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the participation rate was 62.0% in May 1997 (72.1% for males and 52.2% for females). The seasonally adjusted estimate of the labour force was 3,053,300.

Trend and Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

LABOUR FORCE.....

	Employed '000	Unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
TREND				
1997				
February	2 816.3	244.7	8.0	62.3
March	2 815.1	247.7	8.1	62.3
April	2 813.2	250.1	8.2	62.3
May	2 811.6	252.5	8.2	62.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
1997				
February	2 801.9	258.8	8.5	62.3
March	2 813.4	240.8	7.9	62.1
April	2 826.2	248.2	8.1	62.5
May	2 799.0	254.3	8.3	62.0

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS NSW *continued*

REGIONS OF NSW

While the Labour Force Survey (LFS) is designed primarily to produce reliable estimates at the national and State/Territory level, it also delivers estimates for a number of regions within States. As with national and State estimates, regional labour force estimates are subject to sampling error. Since estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level — and are thus based on a considerably smaller sample size — they are subject to higher relative standard errors. Care should therefore be taken in interpretation of regional estimates, particularly month-to-month movements.

Sydney

In May 1997, the estimated number of people employed in the Sydney Major Statistical Region (MSR) was 1,826,100, an increase of 1.5% over 12 months.

The unemployment rate rose from a 6-year low of 6.0% in November 1996 to 8.0% in February 1997 before falling back to 6.8% in May. The rate was 7.0% for males and 6.5% for females in May 1997.

In May 1997, the highest unemployment rate within Sydney MSR was 16.7% in Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region (SR) while the lowest were in Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai (SR) and Northern Beaches (SR) (both under 3%).

The labour force participation rate for Sydney MSR was 63.9% overall, with a rate of 73.8% for males and 54.4% for females. Rates varied from 57.4% in Canterbury-Bankstown (SR) to 68.3% in Outer Western Sydney (SR).

Balance of NSW

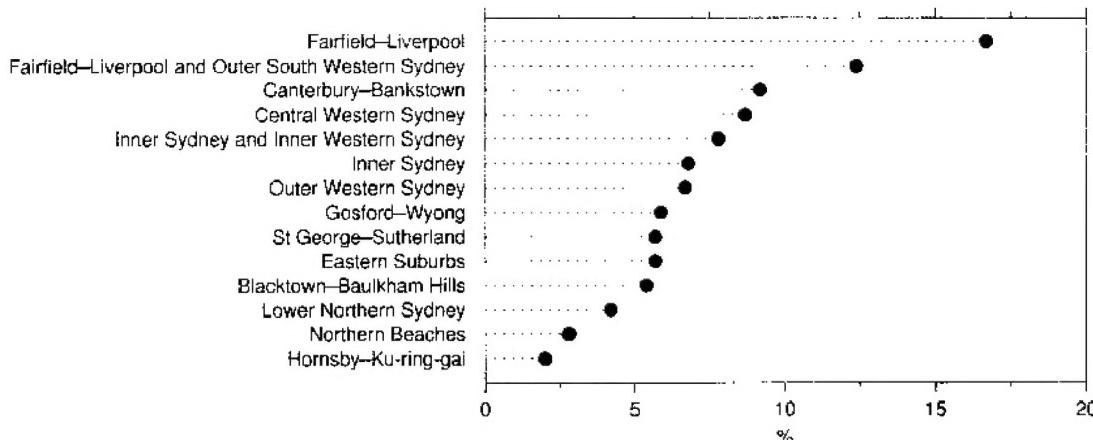
In May 1997, the estimated number of employed people in this area of NSW was 977,900.

The unemployment rate in May 1997 was 10.3% compared to 9.1% a year earlier. The unemployment rate varied from a low of 7.5% in Murray-Murrumbidgee (SR) to 14.5% in the combined Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs.

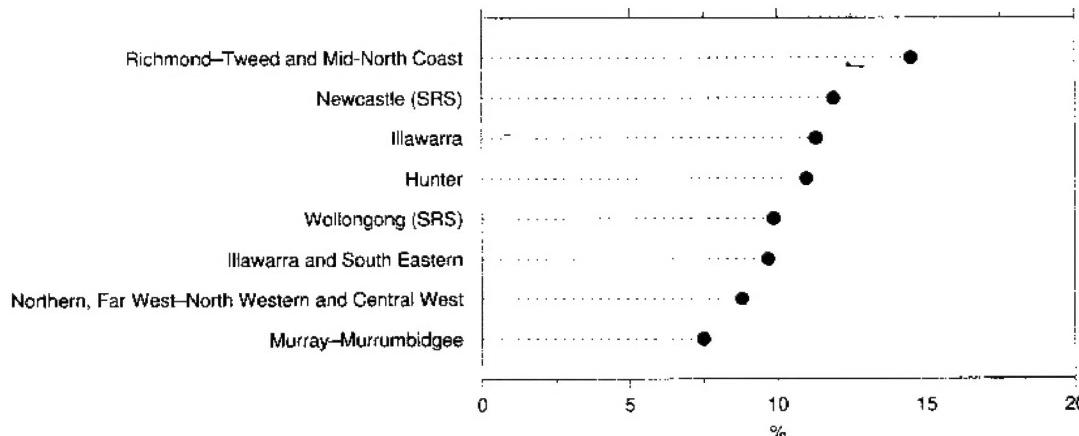
The participation rate for the Balance of NSW MSR was 58.6% in May 1997. The rate of 69.1% for males was much higher than the rate of 48.4% for females.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS NSW *continued*

Unemployment rate, Sydney MSR, May 1997



Unemployment rate, Balance of NSW MSR, May 1997



AGE

Employment rose in the majority of age groups in the year to May 1997. The largest rise of 13% occurred in the 55-59 year age group and the largest fall of 7% was for 20-24 year olds.

Part-time workers represented nearly one-quarter of all employed people in May 1997, but this proportion varied between age groups. The highest level was for 15-19 year olds with 62% and the lowest for 25-34 year olds with 18%.

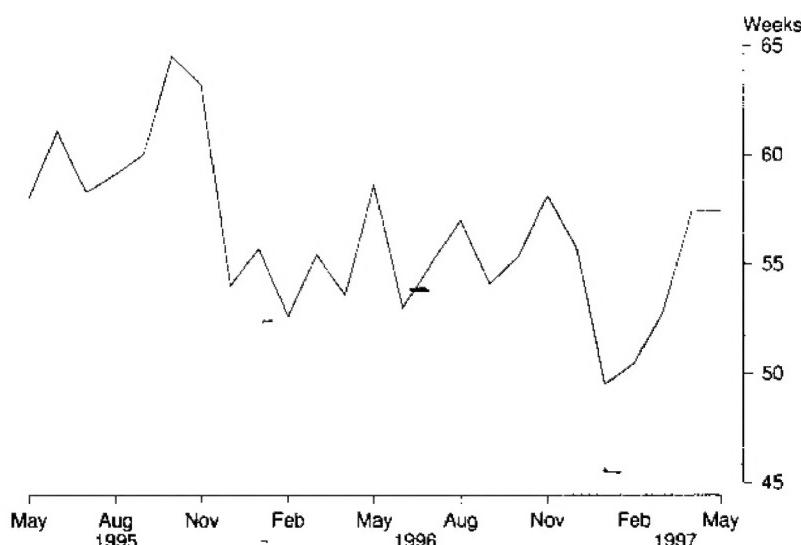
In May 1997, unemployment rates in NSW were highest for 15-19 year olds (18.5%) and lowest for those 55 years and over (4.0%).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS NSW *continued*

DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

In May 1997, the long-term unemployed (people unemployed 52 weeks and over) represented 35% of all unemployed people. Average duration of unemployment in May 1997 was 57 weeks, compared to 59 weeks a year earlier. The median duration of unemployment was 22 weeks this May and 20 weeks last May.

Average duration of unemployment



INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

Over the last 12 months, the largest gain in employment was in the Manufacturing industry with an increase of about 29,000 people while the largest decline was in Retail trade with a fall of 32,000.

The main industry employers in May 1997 were Retail trade and Manufacturing both with 14% of total employed. The manufacturing industry was also the largest male employer with 17% of employed men while Health and community services and Retail trade were the largest employers of females (both with 16% of employed women).

In Sydney MSR, the principal employers were in Manufacturing with 14% of total employed, Retail trade with 13% and Property and business services with 12%. In Balance of NSW MSR the largest employment was in Retail trade with 17% followed by Manufacturing with 13%.

The largest occupation groups in NSW were Professionals with 18% of the total and Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers with 17%.

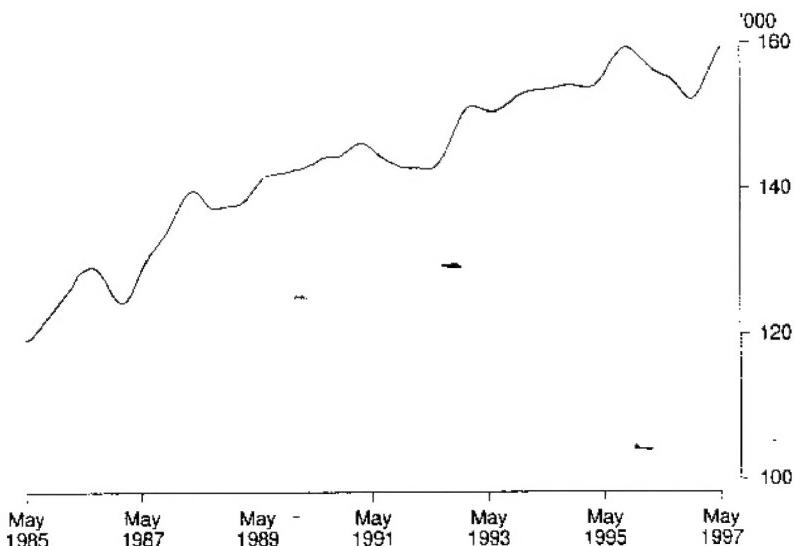
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS ACT

Note: Seasonally adjusted estimates are not available for the ACT.

TREND ESTIMATES

Employed persons

Trend employment in the ACT has continued to increase in the last 6 months to reach an all time high of 159,500 persons in May 1997. The trend increased by 4.8% from the trough of 152,200 in November 1996. Employment has now returned to the previous peak level of late 1995.

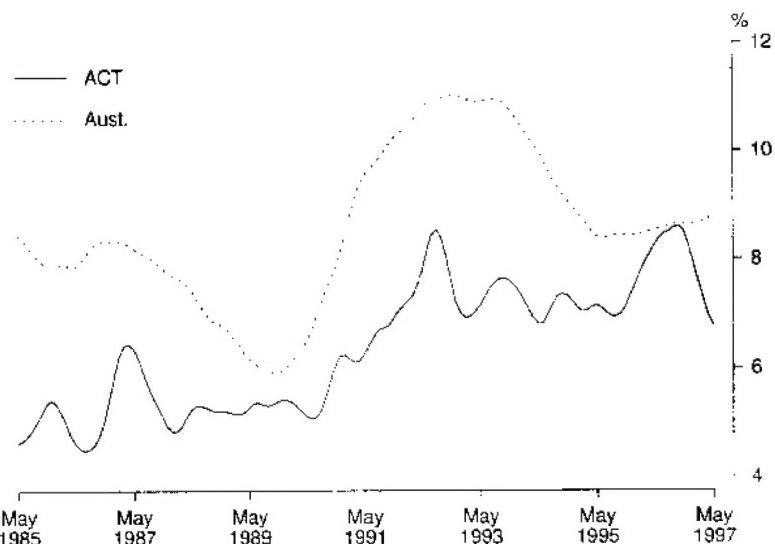


Unemployed persons

The trend estimate of the number of unemployed people in the ACT has fallen each month from a peak level of 14,400 in August–October 1996 to 11,600 in May 1997 (a decrease of 19%).

Unemployment rate

The trend unemployment rate fell from a peak of 8.6% in October 1996 to 6.8% in May 1997, the lowest rate recorded since June 1994. The unemployment rate was 7.3% for males and 6.2% for females in May 1997.



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS ACT *continued*

Participation rate and labour force

The ACT trend participation rate has increased in each of the past 5 months from 71.1% in December 1996 to 72.9% in May 1997. The female participation rate increased more sharply from a low of 64.0% in November 1996 to 67.6% in May 1997 but the male rate has only just started to increase, reaching 78.4% in May.

The labour force estimate was 171,100 in May 1997, just above the level of a year ago.

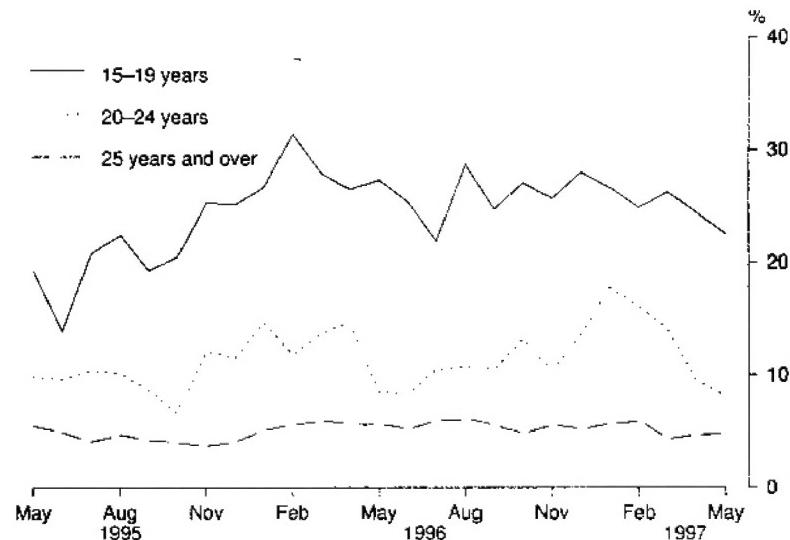
AGE

Part-time workers represented a quarter of all employed persons in the ACT in May 1997 but this proportion varied between age groups. Almost 80% of 15–19 year olds worked part-time compared to 35% of 20–24 year olds and 19% of those aged 25 years and over.

The unemployment rate was highest for 15–19 year olds at 22.5% and lowest for those 25 years and over at 4.9%. Almost three-quarters of unemployed teenagers were looking for part-time work.

Average weekly hours worked ranged from 17 hours per week for teenagers, consistent with their predominantly part-time work, to 37 hours per week for those aged 25 years and over.

Unemployment rate by age



INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

In May 1997, 25% of all employed people in the ACT were employed in Government administration and defence, 14% were in Retail trade and 13% in Property and business services.

The largest occupation groups were Professionals with 23% of employed people and Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers with 19% of the total. Professionals was the largest group for males with 23% and Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers the largest for females with 28%.

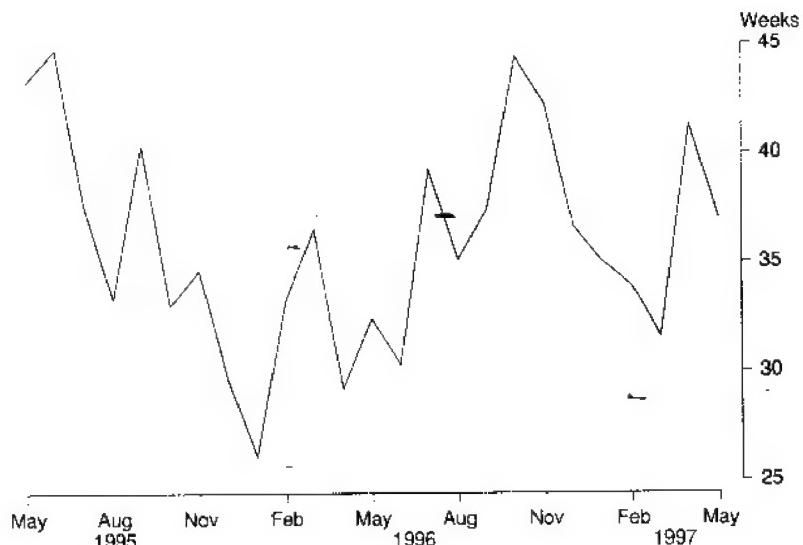
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DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

In May 1997, the average duration of unemployment in the ACT was 37 weeks. The average ranged from 17 weeks for 15–19 year olds to 50 weeks for those 25 years and over.

The long-term unemployed (people unemployed 52 weeks and over) represented 18% of all unemployed people in May 1997, almost the same as a year earlier.

Average duration of unemployment



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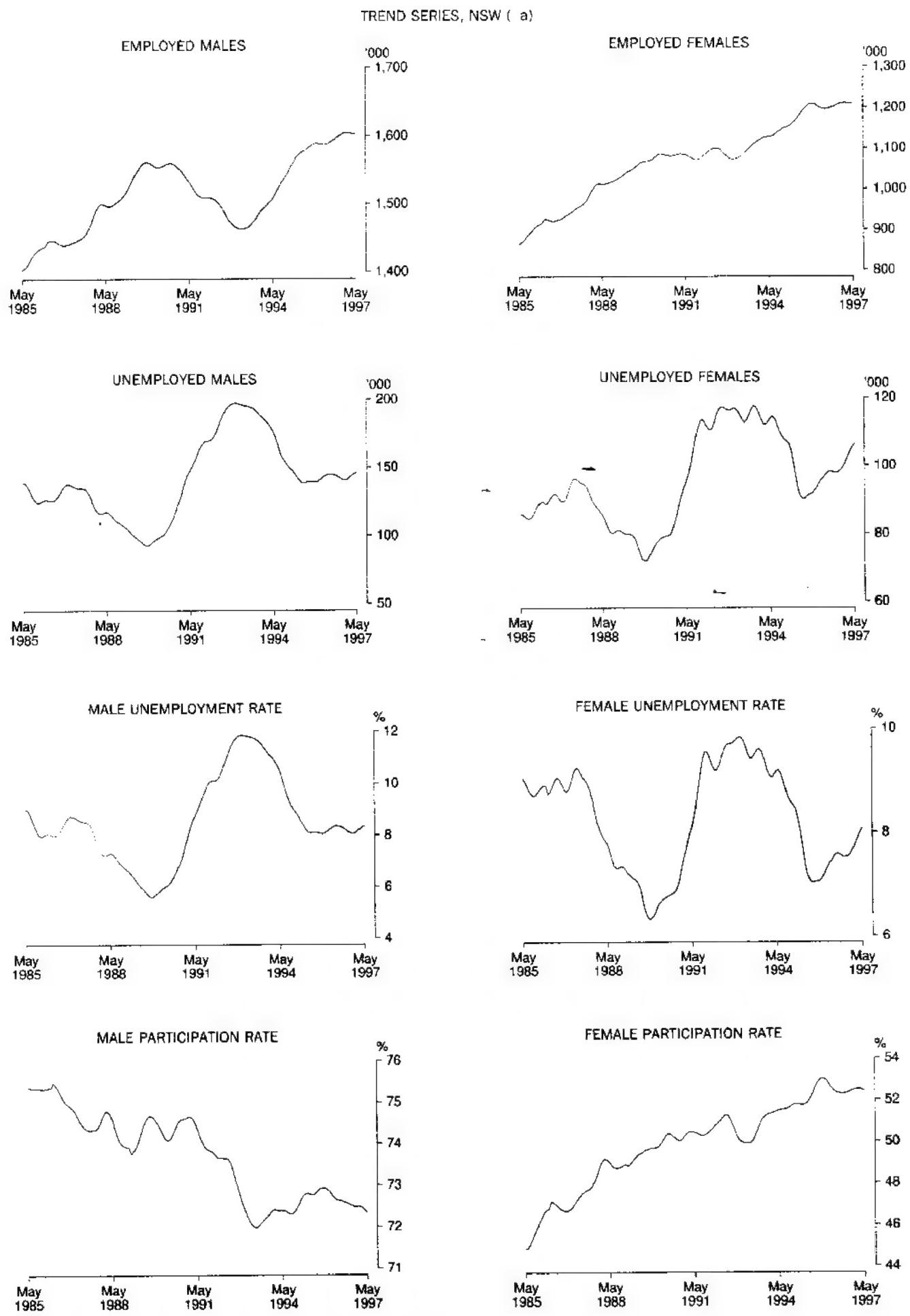
TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: ORIGINAL SERIES, NSW

Month	Employed			Unemployed				Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Looking for part-time work ('000)	Total ('000)						
MALES												
May 1993	1,323.1	147.7	1,470.8	173.1	13.6	186.8	1,657.6	647.6	2,305.2	11.3	71.9	
1994	1,352.4	152.4	1,504.8	160.0	12.8	172.8	1,677.6	649.4	2,326.9	10.3	72.1	
1995	1,405.7	168.0	1,573.6	123.2	14.2	137.4	1,711.0	643.6	2,354.6	8.0	72.7	
MARRIED FEMALES												
May 1993	362.2	288.6	650.8	31.6	12.1	43.7	694.5	643.4	1,337.9	6.3	51.9	
1994	398.4	299.9	698.3	30.5	11.7	42.2	740.5	651.2	1,391.7	5.7	53.2	
1995	397.5	315.9	713.4	19.4	13.3	32.7	746.1	665.9	1,412.0	4.4	52.8	
ALL FEMALES												
May 1993	661.7	427.0	1,088.7	78.5	30.7	109.2	1,197.9	1,189.1	2,387.0	9.1	50.2	
1994	682.3	458.3	1,140.6	74.3	29.1	103.5	1,244.0	1,167.1	2,411.1	8.3	51.6	
1995	698.6	474.4	1,172.9	58.0	31.2	89.2	1,262.1	1,175.7	2,437.8	7.1	51.8	
PERSONS												
May 1993	1,984.8	574.7	2,559.6	251.7	44.3	296.0	2,855.5	1,836.6	4,692.2	10.4	60.9	
1994	2,034.7	610.7	2,645.4	234.3	41.9	276.2	2,921.6	1,816.4	4,738.0	9.5	61.7	
1995	2,104.2	642.3	2,746.5	181.2	45.4	226.6	2,973.1	1,819.3	4,792.4	7.6	62.0	
1996												
March	2,136.8	659.8	2,796.5	200.1	56.2	256.4	3,052.9	1,790.9	4,843.9	8.4	63.0	
April	2,128.6	640.4	2,769.0	194.7	51.3	246.0	3,015.0	1,835.5	4,850.5	8.2	62.2	
May	2,110.8	674.8	2,785.6	180.5	51.4	231.9	3,017.4	1,839.6	4,857.0	7.7	62.1	
1997												
February	2,145.0	637.5	2,782.5	222.7	64.5	287.2	3,069.7	1,841.7	4,911.4	9.4	62.5	
March	2,156.7	659.6	2,816.3	199.4	57.7	257.1	3,073.4	1,842.1	4,915.5	8.4	62.5	
April	2,151.5	670.2	2,821.7	189.8	53.9	243.6	3,065.4	1,855.5	4,920.8	7.9	62.3	
May	2,128.4	675.5	2,804.0	194.9	50.4	245.3	3,049.2	1,876.9	4,926.1	8.0	61.9	

TABLE 2. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND SERIES, NSW

Month	Seasonally adjusted series					Trend series (a)				
	Employed ('000)	Unemployed ('000)	Labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)	Employed ('000)	Unemployed ('000)	Labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
MALES										
May— 1993	1,468.5	192.0	1,660.4	11.6	72.0	1,463.9	195.7	1,659.6	11.8	72.0
1994	1,502.9	177.6	1,680.6	10.6	72.2	1,508.4	176.0	1,684.4	10.4	72.4
1995	1,572.3	141.3	1,713.6	8.2	72.8	1,574.3	139.3	1,713.6	8.1	72.8
1996— March	1,585.6	145.8	1,731.4	8.4	72.7	1,587.2	143.4	1,730.6	8.3	72.7
April	1,581.2	150.4	1,731.7	8.7	72.7	1,587.1	144.4	1,731.5	8.3	72.7
May	1,592.0	140.8	1,732.8	8.1	72.6	1,588.3	144.9	1,733.1	8.4	72.6
June	1,591.6	141.6	1,733.2	8.2	72.5	1,590.3	145.0	1,735.3	8.4	72.6
July	1,590.7	141.4	1,732.1	8.2	72.4	1,592.3	144.8	1,737.1	8.3	72.6
August	1,596.5	153.4	1,749.9	8.8	73.0	1,594.8	144.2	1,739.0	8.3	72.6
September	1,596.9	141.5	1,738.3	8.1	72.5	1,597.5	143.1	1,740.6	8.2	72.6
October	1,601.7	141.8	1,743.5	8.1	72.6	1,600.0	142.0	1,742.0	8.2	72.5
November	1,593.0	141.3	1,734.3	8.1	72.1	1,602.3	141.0	1,743.3	8.1	72.5
December	1,610.1	136.2	1,746.4	7.8	72.5	1,604.2	140.6	1,744.7	8.1	72.5
1997— January	1,618.0	137.3	1,755.2	7.8	72.9	1,605.0	141.2	1,746.2	8.1	72.5
February	1,589.7	151.1	1,740.7	8.7	72.2	1,605.0	142.6	1,747.6	8.2	72.5
March	1,607.1	142.0	1,749.0	8.1	72.5	1,604.5	144.0	1,748.5	8.2	72.5
April	1,610.0	143.7	1,753.7	8.2	72.6	1,603.7	145.2	1,748.8	8.3	72.4
May	1,596.7	147.3	1,744.0	8.4	72.1	1,602.9	146.2	1,749.2	8.4	72.3
FEMALES										
May— 1993	1,083.3	113.2	1,196.5	9.5	50.1	1,079.0	113.4	1,192.4	9.5	50.0
1994	1,135.1	108.0	1,243.1	8.7	51.6	1,127.8	113.9	1,241.7	9.2	51.5
1995	1,168.0	93.5	1,261.5	7.4	51.7	1,171.3	93.5	1,264.8	7.4	51.9
1996— March	1,207.7	94.9	1,302.6	7.3	52.9	1,199.7	95.7	1,295.4	7.4	52.6
April	1,191.5	100.4	1,291.8	7.8	52.4	1,197.3	96.4	1,293.6	7.4	52.4
May	1,188.2	99.6	1,287.8	7.7	52.1	1,196.3	97.3	1,293.6	7.5	52.4
June	1,202.2	91.9	1,294.1	7.1	52.3	1,196.6	98.1	1,294.6	7.6	52.3
July	1,200.4	98.7	1,299.0	7.6	52.4	1,197.9	98.2	1,296.1	7.6	52.3
August	1,201.6	97.8	1,299.4	7.5	52.3	1,200.0	98.0	1,298.0	7.5	52.3
September	1,195.2	103.6	1,298.8	8.0	52.2	1,202.8	97.8	1,300.6	7.5	52.3
October	1,210.0	100.2	1,310.3	7.6	52.6	1,205.5	98.0	1,303.4	7.5	52.4
November	1,206.2	87.1	1,293.4	6.7	51.9	1,207.8	98.4	1,306.3	7.5	52.4
December	1,210.7	102.1	1,312.7	7.8	52.6	1,209.9	99.2	1,309.1	7.6	52.5
1997— January	1,213.8	101.3	1,315.0	7.7	52.6	1,211.1	100.5	1,311.6	7.7	52.5
February	1,212.3	107.7	1,320.0	8.2	52.8	1,211.2	102.1	1,313.4	7.8	52.5
March	1,206.3	98.9	1,305.2	7.6	52.2	1,210.6	103.6	1,314.3	7.9	52.5
April	1,216.2	104.5	1,320.8	7.9	52.7	1,209.6	104.9	1,314.5	8.0	52.5
May	1,202.3	107.0	1,309.3	8.2	52.2	1,208.7	106.3	1,315.0	8.1	52.4
PERSONS										
May— 1993	2,551.8	305.2	2,857.0	10.7	60.9	2,542.9	309.0	2,851.9	10.8	60.8
1994	2,638.0	285.7	2,923.7	9.8	61.7	2,636.3	289.9	2,926.1	9.9	61.8
1995	2,740.4	234.7	2,975.1	7.9	62.1	2,745.6	232.8	2,978.4	7.8	62.1
1996— March	2,793.3	240.7	3,034.0	7.9	62.6	2,786.9	239.1	3,026.0	7.9	62.5
April	2,772.7	250.8	3,023.5	8.3	62.3	2,784.4	240.8	3,025.2	8.0	62.4
May	2,780.2	240.4	3,020.6	8.0	62.2	2,784.5	242.2	3,026.7	8.0	62.3
June	2,793.8	233.5	3,027.3	7.7	62.2	2,786.9	243.0	3,029.9	8.0	62.3
July	2,791.1	240.1	3,031.1	7.9	62.2	2,790.2	243.0	3,033.2	8.0	62.3
August	2,798.1	251.2	3,049.3	8.2	62.5	2,794.8	242.2	3,037.0	8.0	62.3
September	2,792.1	245.0	3,037.1	8.1	62.2	2,800.3	241.0	3,041.3	7.9	62.3
October	2,811.8	242.0	3,053.8	7.9	62.4	2,805.4	240.0	3,045.4	7.9	62.3
November	2,799.3	228.4	3,027.7	7.5	61.8	2,810.2	239.4	3,049.6	7.9	62.3
December	2,820.8	238.3	3,059.1	7.8	62.4	2,814.0	239.8	3,053.8	7.9	62.3
1997— January	2,831.7	238.5	3,070.3	7.8	62.6	2,816.1	241.7	3,057.8	7.9	62.3
February	2,801.9	258.8	3,060.7	8.5	62.3	2,816.3	244.7	3,061.0	8.0	62.3
March	2,813.4	240.8	3,054.2	7.9	62.1	2,815.1	247.7	3,062.8	8.1	62.3
April	2,826.2	248.2	3,074.5	8.1	62.5	2,813.2	250.1	3,063.4	8.2	62.3
May	2,799.0	254.3	3,053.3	8.3	62.0	2,811.6	252.5	3,064.1	8.2	62.2

(a) See Explanatory Notes 29 and 30.



(a) Comparisons between these graphs should not be made, as their vertical axes are not similarly scaled.

TABLE 3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: AGE, NSW, MAY 1997

Age group (years)	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemp- loyment rate (per cent)	Partici- pation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full- time work ('000)	Looking for part- time work ('000)	Total ('000)					
MALES											
15-19	46.9	50.3	97.2	17.5	6.2	23.7	120.9	96.7	217.6	19.6	55.6
20-24	137.7	29.5	167.2	25.6	* 3.4	29.0	196.2	32.7	228.9	14.8	85.7
25-34	380.2	24.9	405.1	36.0	* 1.5	37.5	442.6	34.9	477.6	8.5	92.7
35-44	383.8	29.3	413.1	21.2	* 1.6	22.8	435.9	36.9	472.8	5.2	92.2
45-54	315.0	20.2	335.2	18.6	* 1.2	19.8	355.0	51.8	406.8	5.6	87.3
55-59	85.0	9.1	94.1	7.1	* 1.0	8.0	102.1	47.5	149.5	7.9	68.3
60-64	36.9	14.0	51.0	* 1.6	* 0.6	* 2.2	53.1	70.4	123.5	* 4.1	43.0
65 and over	22.5	12.1	34.5	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	34.8	306.5	341.3	* 0.9	10.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,408.0</i>	<i>189.3</i>	<i>1,597.3</i>	<i>127.6</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>143.3</i>	<i>1,740.7</i>	<i>677.4</i>	<i>2,418.1</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>72.0</i>
MARRIED FEMALES											
15-19	* 0.3	* 0.8	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 2.2	* 20.6	* 59.3
20-24	23.1	9.2	32.3	* 2.9	* 1.1	* 4.1	36.3	20.3	56.7	* 11.2	64.1
25-34	109.8	73.8	183.6	6.5	6.2	12.6	196.2	113.4	309.6	6.4	63.4
35-44	128.2	111.3	239.5	8.7	* 4.8	13.5	253.0	112.1	365.1	5.3	69.3
45-54	105.7	80.6	186.3	* 4.2	* 4.4	8.6	194.9	97.9	292.8	4.4	66.5
55-59	21.8	22.9	44.8	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	45.1	60.6	105.6	* 0.7	42.7
60-64	8.2	9.9	18.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	18.1	67.7	85.8	* 0.0	21.1
65 and over	* 3.5	* 4.3	7.7	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	7.7	180.4	188.1	* 0.0	4.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>400.4</i>	<i>312.8</i>	<i>713.3</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>39.3</i>	<i>752.6</i>	<i>653.3</i>	<i>1,405.9</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>53.5</i>
ALL FEMALES											
15-19	26.0	66.4	92.4	10.6	8.8	19.4	111.9	95.3	207.2	17.4	54.0
20-24	107.2	42.1	149.3	17.8	* 4.5	22.3	171.6	53.8	225.5	13.0	76.1
25-34	207.7	100.9	308.7	12.6	10.0	22.6	331.3	153.9	485.2	6.8	68.3
35-44	180.9	131.9	312.8	14.3	6.0	20.4	333.2	143.8	477.0	6.1	69.9
45-54	152.1	96.2	248.3	11.3	* 5.0	16.3	264.6	131.5	396.1	6.2	66.8
55-59	32.0	28.9	60.9	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.6	61.5	83.3	144.8	* 1.0	42.5
60-64	9.4	13.0	22.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	22.4	102.5	124.9	* 0.0	18.0
65 and over	* 4.9	6.9	11.7	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	12.1	435.3	447.3	* 2.5	2.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>720.4</i>	<i>486.2</i>	<i>1,206.6</i>	<i>67.2</i>	<i>34.7</i>	<i>101.9</i>	<i>1,308.5</i>	<i>1,199.5</i>	<i>2,508.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>52.2</i>
PERSONS											
15-19	72.9	116.7	189.6	28.2	15.0	43.1	232.8	192.0	424.8	18.5	54.8
20-24	245.0	71.5	316.5	43.4	7.9	51.3	367.9	86.5	454.4	14.0	81.0
25-34	587.9	125.9	713.8	48.6	11.5	60.1	773.9	188.9	962.7	7.8	80.4
35-44	564.7	161.2	725.9	35.6	7.6	43.2	769.1	180.7	949.8	5.6	81.0
45-54	467.1	116.4	583.5	29.9	6.2	36.1	619.6	183.4	802.9	5.8	77.2
55-59	117.0	37.9	154.9	7.7	* 1.0	8.7	163.6	130.7	294.3	5.3	55.6
60-64	46.4	27.0	73.4	* 1.6	* 0.6	* 2.2	75.6	172.9	248.4	* 2.9	30.4
65 and over	27.3	18.9	46.3	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 0.6	46.9	741.7	788.6	* 1.3	5.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,128.4</i>	<i>675.5</i>	<i>2,804.0</i>	<i>194.9</i>	<i>50.4</i>	<i>245.3</i>	<i>3,049.2</i>	<i>1,876.9</i>	<i>4,926.1</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>61.9</i>

PERSONS AGED 15-19 IN THE LABOUR FORCE, NSW:
FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

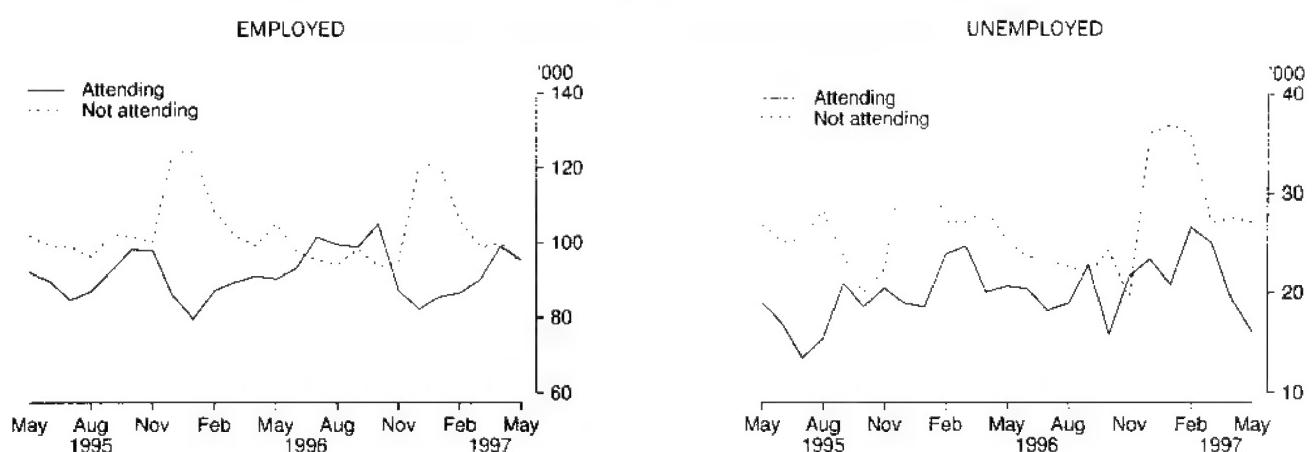


TABLE 4. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: PERSONS AGED 15-24 BY FULL-TIME EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE, NSW, MAY 1997

Age (years)	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Looking for part-time work ('000)	Total ('000)					
ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL-TIME											
15-19	* 2.6	92.6	95.3	* 2.4	13.7	16.1	111.3	177.5	288.9	14.4	38.5
15	* 0.4	17.3	17.7	* 0.6	* 4.7	5.3	23.0	58.4	81.4	23.1	28.2
16	* 0.0	24.1	24.1	* 0.3	* 3.0	* 3.3	27.3	47.3	74.6	* 12.0	36.6
17	* 0.7	19.8	20.5	* 0.6	* 2.3	* 2.9	23.4	38.4	61.8	* 12.4	37.8
18	* 0.3	16.5	16.8	* 0.3	* 1.7	* 2.0	18.8	19.9	38.6	* 10.6	48.5
19	* 1.3	15.0	16.3	* 0.5	* 2.1	* 2.6	18.9	13.5	32.3	* 13.8	58.3
20-24	* 2.7	32.4	35.1	* 0.6	* 3.5	* 4.1	39.3	36.6	75.9	* 10.5	51.7
20	* 1.0	14.1	15.1	* 0.3	* 1.0	* 1.4	16.5	11.3	27.8	* 8.2	59.2
21	* 1.0	7.9	8.9	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 0.9	9.8	8.3	18.1	* 8.7	54.1
22	* 0.3	* 4.3	* 4.6	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 1.0	5.6	7.3	12.9	* 17.5	43.6
23	* 0.0	* 2.7	* 2.7	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 0.9	* 3.6	5.6	9.2	* 25.8	* 39.0
24	* 0.4	* 3.4	* 3.8	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.8	* 4.1	7.9	* 0.0	* 48.1
Total aged 15-24	5.4	125.0	130.4	* 3.0	17.2	20.2	150.6	214.2	364.8	13.4	41.3
NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL-TIME (a)											
15-19	70.3	24.0	94.4	25.8	* 1.3	27.1	127.4	14.5	136.0	22.3	89.3
15	* 1.2	* 1.0	* 2.2	* 1.1	* 0.0	- * 1.1	* 3.3	* 1.3	* 4.6	* 32.9	* 71.9
16	* 4.7	* 2.2	7.0	* 2.4	* 0.6	* 3.0	10.0	* 1.6	11.6	* 30.2	86.0
17	* 11.4	* 4.1	15.4	* 5.2	* 0.0	* 5.2	20.6	* 1.6	22.2	* 25.1	92.8
18	23.4	9.0	32.4	8.8	* 0.3	9.0	41.4	* 4.2	45.6	21.8	90.8
19	29.6	7.8	37.4	8.3	* 0.5	8.8	46.2	5.8	52.0	19.0	88.8
20-24	242.2	39.1	281.4	42.8	* 4.4	47.2	328.6	49.9	378.5	14.4	86.8
20	34.8	7.0	41.8	8.4	* 0.0	8.4	50.3	7.5	57.7	16.8	87.1
21	37.8	8.8	46.6	10.1	* 1.5	11.6	58.1	10.7	68.8	19.9	84.5
22	49.5	8.3	57.8	7.9	* 0.3	- 8.3	66.1	11.8	77.9	12.5	84.9
23	59.4	5.7	65.1	7.2	* 0.4	7.6	72.7	12.0	84.7	10.4	85.8
24	60.7	9.4	70.0	9.1	* 2.2	11.3	81.4	7.9	89.3	13.9	91.1
Total aged 15-24	312.6	63.2	375.7	68.5	5.7	74.3	450.0	64.4	514.5	16.5	87.5
TOTAL											
15-19	72.9	116.7	189.6	28.2	15.0	43.1	232.8	192.0	424.8	18.5	54.8
15	* 1.6	18.3	19.9	* 1.7	* 4.7	6.4	26.3	59.7	86.0	24.4	30.6
16	* 4.7	26.3	31.0	* 2.7	* 3.5	6.3	37.3	48.9	86.2	16.9	43.3
17	12.0	23.9	35.9	5.8	* 2.3	8.1	44.0	40.0	84.0	18.3	52.4
18	23.7	25.4	49.1	9.0	* 2.0	11.0	60.2	24.1	84.2	18.3	71.4
19	30.9	22.7	53.7	8.8	* 2.5	11.4	65.0	19.3	84.3	17.5	77.1
20-24	245.0	71.5	316.5	43.4	7.9	51.3	367.9	86.5	454.4	14.0	81.0
20	35.8	21.1	56.9	8.8	* 1.0	9.8	66.7	18.8	85.5	14.7	78.0
21	38.8	16.7	55.5	10.1	* 2.3	12.4	67.9	19.0	86.9	18.3	78.2
22	49.9	12.6	62.5	7.9	* 1.3	9.3	71.7	19.1	90.8	12.9	79.0
23	59.4	8.3	67.8	7.5	* 1.1	8.5	76.3	17.6	93.9	11.2	81.2
24	61.0	12.8	73.8	9.1	* 2.2	11.3	85.2	12.1	97.2	13.3	87.6
Total aged 15-24	317.9	188.2	506.1	71.5	22.9	94.5	600.6	278.6	879.2	15.7	68.3

(a) Includes institutionalised persons.

TABLE 5. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: FAMILY STATUS, NSW, MAY 1997

Family status	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Looking for part-time work ('000)	Total ('000)					
Member of a family	1,719.1	584.6	2,303.7	145.3	42.1	187.4	2,491.1	1,355.8	3,846.9	7.5	64.8
Husband	928.0	71.1	999.1	44.6	* 3.6	48.2	1,047.3	331.6	1,378.9	4.6	75.9
With children aged 0-14 present	490.6	26.3	516.9	26.1	* 1.1	27.1	544.1	37.5	581.6	5.0	93.5
Without children aged 0-14 present	437.4	44.8	482.1	18.6	* 2.5	21.1	503.2	294.1	797.3	4.2	63.1
With dependants present	569.6	30.6	600.2	30.0	* 1.7	31.8	632.0	50.2	682.2	5.0	92.6
Without dependants present	358.3	40.5	398.8	14.6	* 1.9	16.5	415.3	281.4	696.7	4.0	59.6
Wife	383.6	303.8	687.4	22.2	16.1	38.3	725.7	622.2	1,347.9	5.3	53.8
With children aged 0-14 present	134.0	169.0	303.0	12.2	12.3	24.5	327.5	228.3	555.8	7.5	58.9
Without children aged 0-14 present	249.6	134.8	384.4	10.0	* 3.8	13.8	398.2	393.9	792.1	3.5	50.3
With dependants present	175.6	194.7	370.3	13.0	13.0	26.0	396.3	257.1	653.4	6.6	60.7
Without dependants present	208.0	109.1	317.1	9.2	* 3.2	12.3	329.4	365.1	694.5	3.7	47.4
Not-married male family head	25.0	6.0	31.0	* 3.7	* 1.4	* 5.1	36.1	15.1	51.2	* 14.1	70.5
With children aged 0-14 present	7.7	* 4.0	11.7	* 1.3	* 1.0	* 2.3	14.0	* 4.9	19.0	* 16.4	74.0
Without children aged 0-14 present	17.3	* 2.0	19.3	* 2.5	* 0.3	* 2.8	22.1	10.2	32.2	* 12.7	68.5
With dependants present	11.7	* 4.7	16.5	* 1.6	* 1.0	* 2.6	19.0	7.5	26.6	* 13.5	71.7
Without dependants present	13.3	* 1.3	14.5	* 2.2	* 0.3	* 2.5	17.1	7.6	24.6	* 14.8	69.3
Not-married female family head	52.7	36.7	89.4	9.9	* 4.2	-14.1	103.5	118.7	222.1	13.6	46.6
With children aged 0-14 present	21.7	24.7	46.4	6.4	* 3.6	10.0	56.4	64.1	120.5	17.7	46.8
Without children aged 0-14 present	30.9	12.1	43.0	* 3.5	* 0.6	* 4.1	47.1	54.5	101.6	* 8.7	46.3
With dependants present	34.9	30.0	65.0	9.1	* 3.6	12.6	77.6	72.1	149.7	16.3	51.8
Without dependants present	17.7	6.7	24.4	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 1.4	25.9	46.5	72.4	* 5.6	35.7
Full-time student aged 15-24 (a)	* 3.7	108.8	112.5	* 2.4	15.0	17.4	129.9	174.1	304.0	13.4	42.7
Other child of family head	296.7	52.3	349.0	58.1	* 1.9	59.9	408.9	48.0	456.9	14.7	89.5
Other relative of family head	29.4	5.9	35.3	* 4.4	* 0.0	* 4.4	39.7	46.1	85.8	* 11.1	46.3
Not a member of a family	339.0	66.8	405.8	44.2	6.0	50.3	456.1	343.9	800.0	11.0	57.0
Living alone	169.4	35.3	204.7	19.4	* 2.3	21.7	226.4	290.1	516.5	9.6	43.8
Not living alone	169.6	31.5	201.1	24.9	* 3.7	28.6	229.7	53.8	283.5	12.4	81.0
Not family coded	70.3	24.2	94.4	5.3	* 2.2	7.6	102.0	177.2	279.2	7.4	36.5
Total	2,128.4	675.5	2,804.0	194.9	50.4	245.3	3,049.2	1,876.9	4,926.1	8.0	61.9

(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school.

TABLE 6. EMPLOYED PERSONS: STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT (a), NSW ('000)

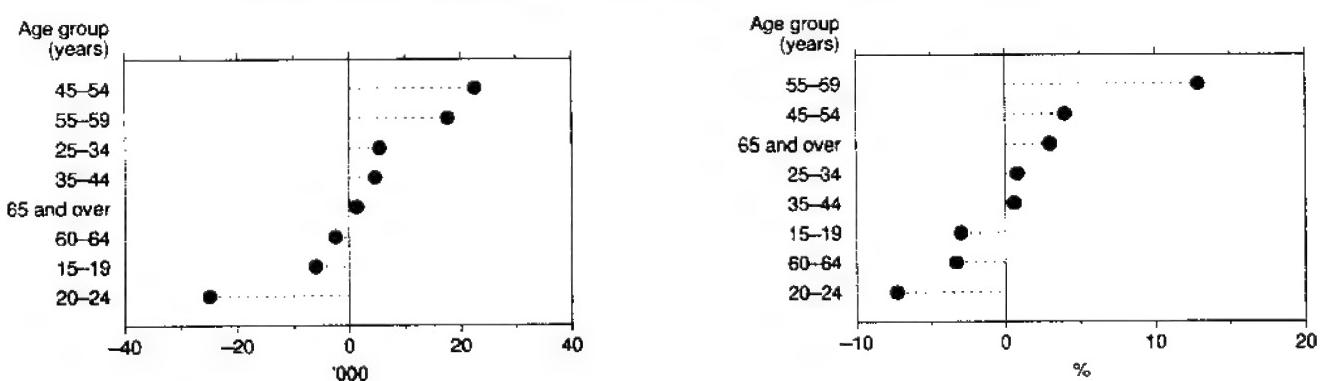
Status in employment	Males			Females			Persons		
	May 1996	February 1997	May 1997	May 1996	February 1997	May 1997	May 1996	February 1997	May 1997
Employees	1,325.4	1,343.3	1,339.2	1,063.3	1,073.8	1,082.1	2,388.7	2,417.1	2,421.3
Employers	82.7	69.0	73.2	36.1	34.7	35.1	118.8	103.7	108.3
Own account workers	177.8	166.3	175.0	79.0	74.1	73.2	256.9	240.3	248.2
Total employed (b)	1,592.8	1,588.4	1,597.3	1,192.7	1,194.1	1,206.6	2,785.6	2,782.5	2,804.0

(a) Status in Employment replaces the previous term Status of Worker. No definitional changes have been made — the only changes are to the classification titles. (b) Includes contributing family workers.

TABLE 7. EMPLOYED PERSONS: AGE, NSW
('000)

Month	Age group (years)								Total employed
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1996— May	98.2	182.0	405.6	405.3	327.0	88.5	52.4	33.8	1,592.8
MARRIED FEMALES									
1996— May	* 2.7	27.8	193.7	250.2	182.7	34.9	15.5	6.4	713.9
1997— February	* 2.3	24.0	182.9	230.4	193.6	37.0	16.5	7.7	694.4
March	* 1.5	28.9	179.1	236.7	187.7	43.9	19.3	8.7	705.9
April	* 1.7	29.3	181.2	238.1	187.6	47.2	17.4	8.1	710.5
May	* 1.0	32.3	183.6	239.5	186.3	44.8	18.1	7.7	713.3
ALL FEMALES									
1996— May	97.4	159.3	302.7	316.0	233.9	48.7	23.6	11.1	1,192.7
1997— February	93.5	145.3	304.2	307.9	257.0	51.9	21.5	12.8	1,194.1
March	96.1	153.9	304.5	309.7	251.5	57.8	24.6	14.4	1,212.4
April	97.2	150.4	307.3	310.4	250.1	62.5	21.9	11.7	1,211.6
May	92.4	149.3	308.7	312.8	248.3	60.9	22.4	11.7	1,206.6
PERSONS									
1996— May	195.6	341.4	708.3	721.4	560.9	137.3	75.9	44.9	2,785.6
1997— February	192.6	311.9	715.4	717.3	588.2	144.3	70.6	42.3	2,782.5
March	189.2	323.1	721.0	723.0	587.2	151.9	74.1	46.8	2,816.3
April	199.0	321.0	721.4	725.1	582.4	157.9	72.1	42.9	2,821.7
May	189.6	316.5	713.8	725.9	583.5	154.9	73.4	46.3	2,804.0

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**TABLE 8. EMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY, NSW
('000)**

Industry division and subdivision	Males		Females		Persons	
	May 1996	May 1997	May 1996	May 1997	May 1996	May 1997
<i>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</i>						
Agriculture	83.1	79.7	33.5	30.7	116.6	110.4
Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	68.5	72.3	30.2	29.8	98.7	102.1
Forestry and logging	* 5.0	* 3.6	* 1.2	* 0.9	6.2	* 4.5
Commercial fishing	5.3	* 2.5	* 0.9	* 0.0	6.2	* 2.5
<i>Mining</i>						
Coal mining	* 4.2	* 1.3	* 1.3	* 0.0	5.5	* 1.3
Oil and gas extraction	23.7	21.6	* 0.4	* 2.1	24.1	23.7
Metal ore mining	17.2	18.0	* 0.0	* 1.2	17.2	19.2
Other mining	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.0
Services to mining	* 2.1	* 2.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 2.1	* 2.3
<i>Manufacturing</i>						
Food, beverage and tobacco manufacturing	254.0	279.1	103.3	106.9	357.3	386.0
Textile, clothing, footwear and leather manufacturing	38.8	42.9	18.4	18.1	57.2	61.0
Wood and paper product manufacturing	10.9	14.3	20.2	22.0	31.1	36.3
Printing, publishing and recorded media	15.6	13.7	* 3.7	* 4.5	19.2	18.2
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated product manufacturing	24.8	31.9	19.0	21.3	43.8	53.2
Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing	22.6	29.6	9.7	13.1	32.3	42.6
Metal product manufacturing	10.7	13.2	* 1.4	* 1.2	12.1	14.5
Machinery and equipment manufacturing	55.4	61.8	9.5	7.7	64.9	69.5
Other manufacturing	57.4	53.2	17.7	13.5	75.1	66.7
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>						
Electricity and gas supply	18.0	18.4	* 3.6	5.6	21.5	24.0
Water supply, sewerage and drainage services	22.9	20.2	* 5.3	* 1.8	28.2	22.0
<i>Construction</i>						
General construction	179.5	167.2	22.3	24.5	201.7	191.7
Construction trade services	64.7	56.9	7.6	13.1	72.3	70.0
<i>Wholesale trade</i>						
Basic material wholesaling	114.8	110.3	14.7	11.4	129.4	121.7
Machinery and motor vehicle wholesaling	125.6	124.4	60.0	57.8	185.5	182.2
Personal and household good wholesaling	28.7	25.7	11.1	8.3	39.8	34.1
<i>Retail trade</i>						
Food retailing	52.3	55.8	20.6	21.9	72.9	77.7
Personal and household good retailing	44.5	42.9	28.3	27.6	72.9	70.5
Motor vehicle retailing and services	210.3	203.8	217.7	192.0	428.0	395.8
<i>Accommodation, cafes and restaurants</i>						
<i>Transport and storage</i>						
Road transport	53.1	53.8	11.0	9.6	64.2	63.4
Rail transport	18.7	16.2	* 3.1	* 1.9	21.9	18.0
Water transport	* 2.6	* 2.4	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 3.0	* 2.7
Air and Space transport	11.0	14.6	5.7	7.2	16.7	21.7
Other transport	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 0.0
Services to transport	9.1	10.7	9.1	9.6	18.2	20.3
Storage	* 2.9	* 3.2	* 1.3	* 1.3	* 4.2	* 4.4
<i>Communication services</i>						
<i>Finance and insurance</i>						
Finance	38.4	43.6	20.1	20.6	58.5	64.2
Insurance	66.0	54.7	73.1	67.9	139.1	122.6
Services to finance and insurance	37.5	29.2	43.2	42.3	80.7	71.4
<i>Property and business services</i>						
Property services	15.2	15.1	10.5	15.6	25.7	30.7
Business services	150.3	158.5	122.0	132.8	272.3	291.2
<i>Government administration and defence</i>						
Government administration	16.7	16.4	13.9	15.2	30.6	31.6
Defence	133.6	142.1	108.1	117.6	241.7	259.7
<i>Education</i>						
<i>Health and community services</i>						
Health services	63.5	61.1	42.1	41.4	105.6	102.5
Community services	58.9	58.0	40.1	39.8	98.9	97.8
<i>Cultural and recreational services</i>						
Motion picture, radio and television services	* 4.6	* 3.1	* 2.0	* 1.6	6.6	* 4.7
Libraries, museums and the arts	71.7	65.1	130.9	128.7	202.6	193.8
Sport and recreation	58.9	59.2	188.7	196.4	247.7	255.7
<i>Personal and other services</i>						
Personal services	49.1	48.3	148.4	154.8	197.5	203.2
Other services	9.9	10.9	40.3	41.6	50.2	52.5
Private households employing staff	29.4	35.8	23.4	35.7	52.8	71.5
Total employed	1,592.8	1,597.3	1,192.7	1,206.6	2,785.6	2,804.0

ANNUAL CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY DIVISION, NSW, MAY 1996 TO MAY 1997

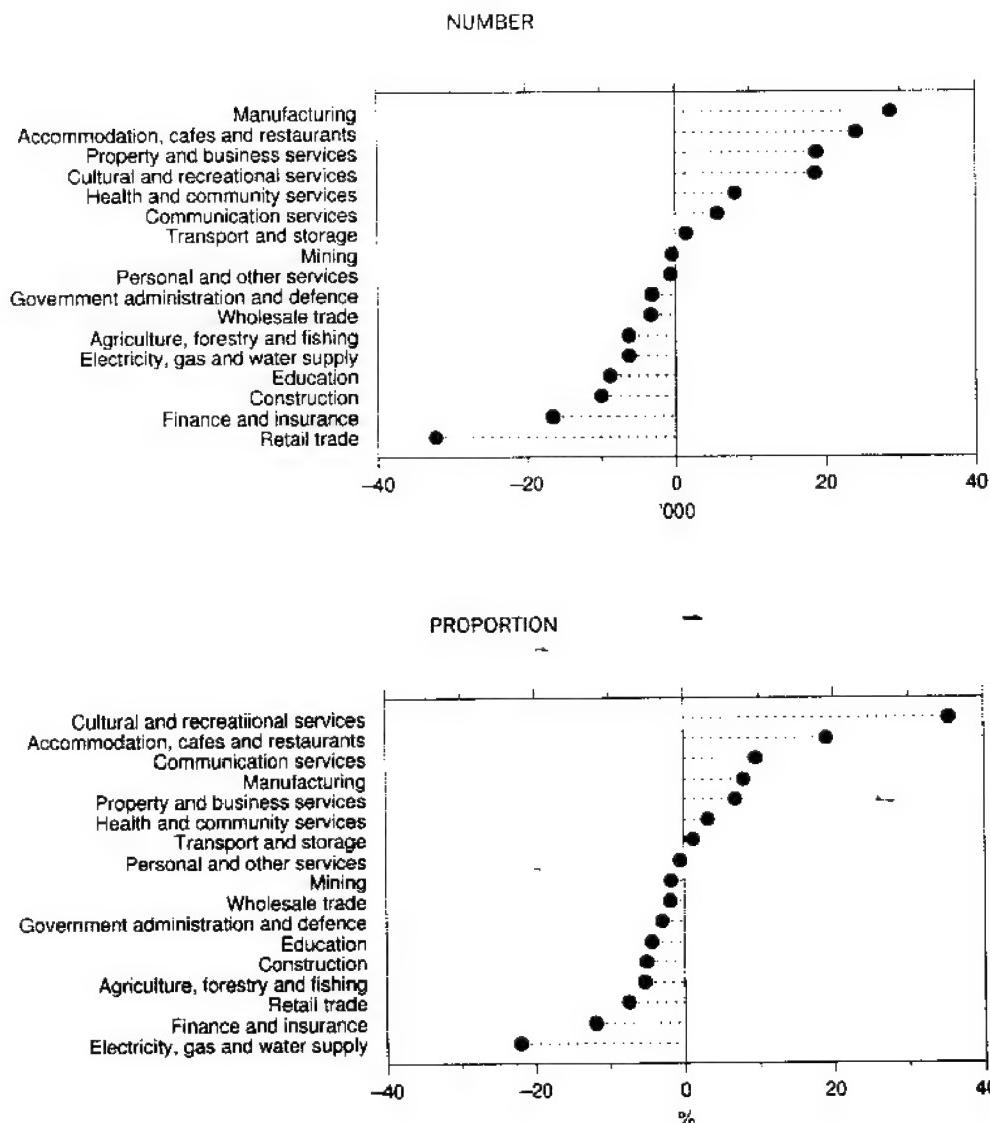


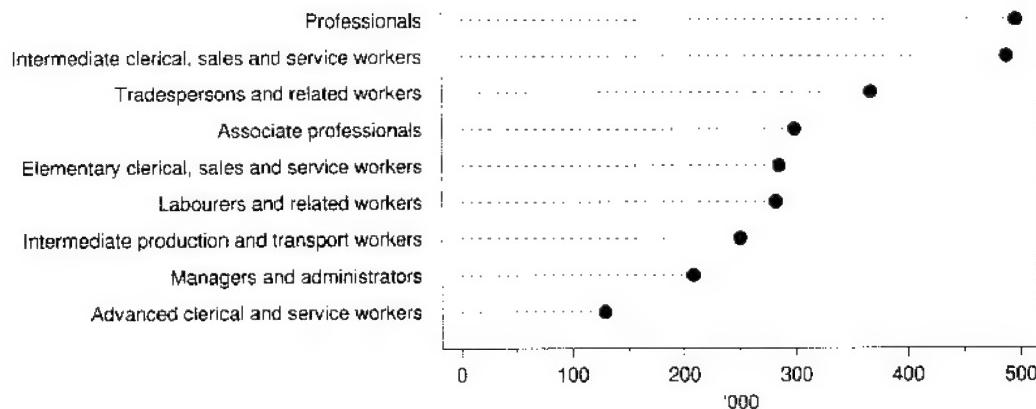
TABLE 9. EMPLOYED PERSONS: OCCUPATION (a), NSW, MAY 1997
('000)

<i>Major and sub-major occupation group</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<i>Managers and administrators</i>			
Generalist managers	166.5	41.7	208.2
Specialist managers	51.2	6.1	57.2
Farmers and farm managers	68.6	19.2	87.8
	46.7	16.4	63.1
<i>Professionals</i>			
Science, building and engineering professionals	239.7	255.8	495.5
Business and information professionals	46.6	5.4	52.0
Health professionals	76.7	50.5	127.2
Education professionals	24.9	67.5	92.4
Social, arts and miscellaneous professionals	46.8	93.4	140.2
	44.7	39.1	83.8
<i>Associate professionals</i>			
Science, engineering and related associate professionals	198.6	99.9	298.4
Business and administrative associate professionals	35.6	9.0	44.6
Managing supervisors (sales and service)	45.0	35.6	80.6
Health and welfare associate professionals	91.2	36.6	127.8
Other associate professionals	* 5.2	10.0	15.2
	21.6	8.6	30.2
<i>Tradepersons and related workers</i>			
Mechanical and fabrication engineering tradespersons	335.1	31.6	366.7
Automotive tradespersons	62.4	* 0.3	62.7
Electrical and electronics tradespersons	46.9	* 0.0	46.9
Construction tradespersons	67.3	* 1.2	68.5
Food tradespersons	74.6	* 1.2	75.8
Skilled agricultural and horticultural workers	17.7	7.3	25.1
Other tradespersons and related workers	19.0	* 1.5	20.6
	47.2	20.0	67.1
<i>Advanced clerical and service workers</i>			
Secretaries and personal assistants	12.8	116.7	129.5
Other advanced clerical and service workers	* 0.6	84.7	85.2
	12.3	32.0	44.3
<i>Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers</i>			
Intermediate clerical workers	141.4	346.2	487.6
Intermediate sales and related workers	74.9	213.4	288.3
Intermediate service workers	29.6	17.0	46.6
	36.9	115.8	152.7
<i>Intermediate production and transport workers</i>			
Intermediate plant operators	219.0	31.6	250.5
Intermediate machine operators	51.3	* 1.2	52.5
Road and rail transport drivers	13.6	13.8	27.5
Other intermediate production and transport workers	83.6	* 3.7	87.4
	70.4	12.8	83.2
<i>Elementary clerical, sales and service workers</i>			
Elementary clerks	103.8	181.6	285.4
Elementary sales workers	8.6	20.7	29.3
Elementary service workers	70.7	149.8	220.4
	24.5	11.1	35.7
<i>Labourers and related workers</i>			
Cleaners	180.5	101.5	282.0
Factory labourers	33.3	37.1	70.4
Other labourers and related workers	46.6	28.6	75.1
	100.6	35.8	136.4
Total employed	1,597.3	1,206.6	2,804.0

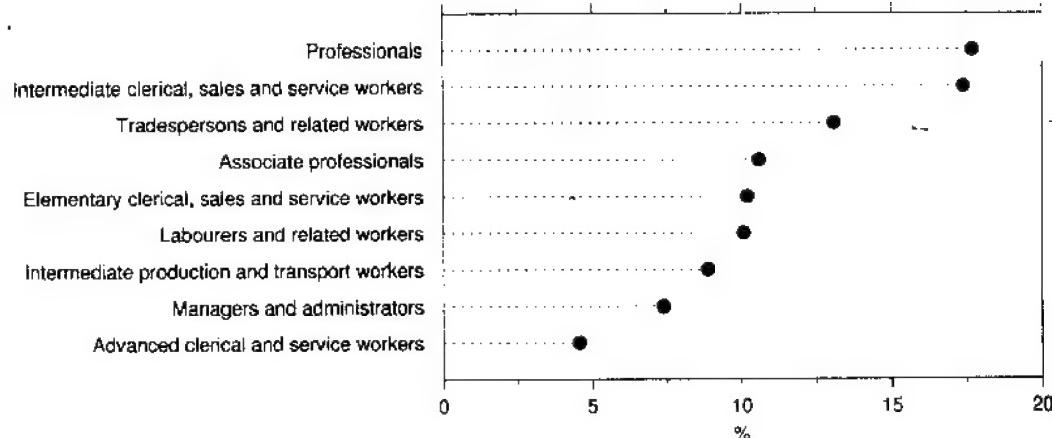
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EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION GROUP, NSW, MAY 1997

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**TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AGE, NSW
('000)**

Month	Age group (years)						<i>Total unemployed</i>
	10-19	20-24	20-34	30-44	40-54	55 and over	
MALES							
1996— May	23.4	24.4	31.7	25.4	20.2	11.8	137.0
1997— February	32.1	35.1	35.6	26.0	18.1	14.6	161.6
March	31.2	29.8	31.1	25.0	20.4	9.6	147.2
April	26.3	30.0	30.1	21.9	19.4	11.3	139.1
May	23.7	29.0	37.5	22.8	19.8	10.5	143.3
FEMALES							
1996— May	22.5	18.1	19.2	18.0	13.6	* 3.6	94.9
1997— February	30.5	25.0	27.4	21.7	16.5	* 4.6	125.6
March	21.1	24.4	23.7	20.4	16.1	* 4.3	110.0
April	20.5	19.0	22.1	20.9	18.9	* 3.0	104.5
May	19.4	22.3	22.6	20.4	16.3	* 0.9	101.9
PERSONS							
1996— May	45.8	42.5	50.9	42.4	33.7	15.5	231.9
1997— February	62.6	60.1	63.0	47.7	34.6	19.2	287.2
March	52.3	54.2	54.8	45.4	36.5	13.9	257.1
April	46.9	49.0	52.3	42.8	38.3	14.3	243.6
May	43.1	51.3	60.1	43.2	36.1	11.4	245.3

**TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE, NSW
(per cent)**

Month	Age group (years)						<i>Total unemployment rate</i>
	10-19	20-24	20-34	30-44	40-54	55 and over	
MALES							
1996— May	19.2	11.8	7.3	5.9	5.8	6.3	7.9
1997— February	24.5	17.4	8.0	6.0	5.2	7.9	9.2
March	25.1	15.0	7.0	5.7	5.7	5.2	8.4
April	20.5	15.0	6.8	5.0	5.5	6.0	8.0
May	19.6	14.8	8.5	5.2	5.6	5.5	8.2
FEMALES							
1996— May	18.7	10.2	6.0	5.4	5.5	* 4.2	7.4
1997— February	24.6	14.7	8.3	6.6	6.0	5.0	9.5
March	18.0	13.7	7.2	6.2	6.0	* 4.3	8.3
April	17.4	11.2	6.7	6.3	7.0	* 3.0	7.9
May	17.4	13.0	6.8	6.1	6.2	* 1.0	7.8
PERSONS							
1996— May	19.0	11.1	6.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.7
1997— February	24.5	16.2	8.1	6.2	5.6	6.9	9.4
March	21.7	14.4	7.1	5.9	5.8	4.9	8.4
April	19.1	13.2	6.8	5.6	6.2	5.0	7.9
May	18.5	14.0	7.8	5.6	5.8	4.0	8.0

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY (a) AND OCCUPATION (b) OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, NSW, MAY 1997
('000)

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<i>Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years</i>	75.7	38.3	114.0
Industry division—			
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	* 3.8	* 1.0	* 4.8
Manufacturing	14.4	* 4.0	18.4
Construction	9.5	* 0.3	9.9
Wholesale trade	* 1.6	* 0.6	* 2.2
Retail trade	14.5	* 4.6	19.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	7.4	* 5.3	12.6
Transport and storage	* 3.1	* 1.4	* 4.5
Finance and insurance	* 1.0	* 1.3	* 2.3
Property and business services	6.3	5.3	11.6
Education	* 1.4	* 4.1	5.5
Health and community services	* 2.2	5.3	7.6
Cultural and recreational services	* 2.2	* 0.7	* 2.9
Personal and other services	* 2.3	* 2.2	* 4.5
Other industries (c)	5.9	* 2.2	8.1
Major occupation group—			
Managers and administrators	* 1.5	* 1.0	* 2.5
Professionals	5.3	* 3.4	8.7
Associate professionals	7.2	* 4.9	12.1
Tradespersons and related workers	17.5	* 1.3	18.8
Advanced clerical and service workers	* 0.8	* 2.6	* 3.4
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	* 4.7	13.1	17.8
Intermediate production and transport workers	13.6	* 2.8	16.4
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	6.6	6.0	12.6
Labourers and related workers	18.4	* 3.2	21.6
<i>Had not worked full-time for two weeks or more in the last two years</i>	64.0	59.6	123.6
Looking for first job	13.2	12.2	25.4
Had worked at some time in the past	50.9	47.4	98.2
<i>Stood down</i>	* 3.6	* 4.0	7.6
Total unemployed	143.3	101.9	245.3

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(b) Occupation data are now classified according to the Second Edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO). See the Explanatory Notes for more details. (c) Comprises Mining; Electricity, gas and water supply; Communication services; and Government administration and defence.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE, NSW

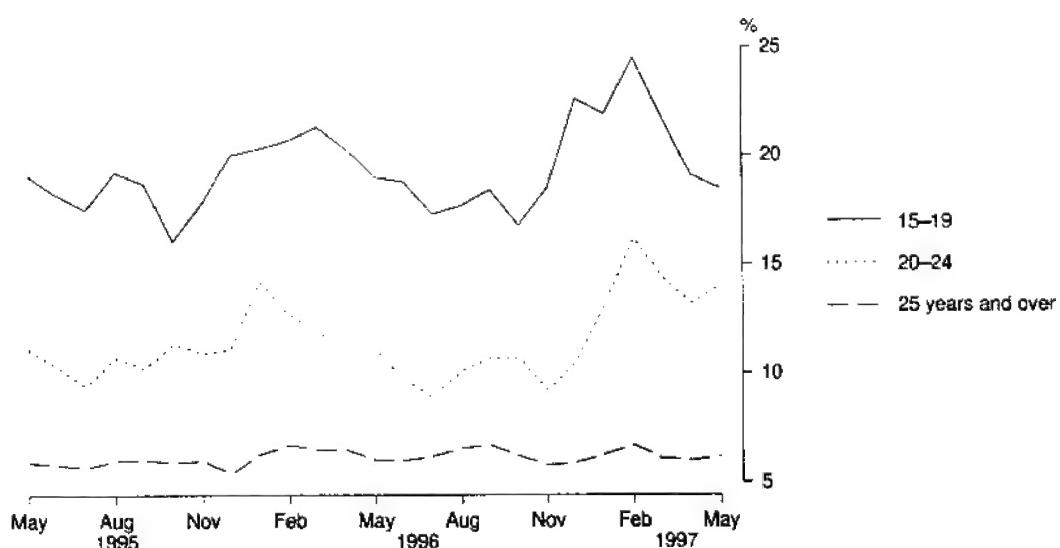


TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, NSW

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	Males		Females		Persons				
	May 1996	May 1997	May 1996	May 1997	May 1996	February 1997	March 1997	April 1997	May 1997
— '000 —									
Under 52	94.6	87.3	68.9	71.8	163.5	200.6	179.6	160.6	159.1
Under 2	8.0	6.7	8.7	9.4	16.7	16.6	17.3	14.7	16.1
2 and under 4	8.2	12.5	7.9	9.5	16.1	23.4	18.9	22.7	22.0
4 and under 8	13.9	10.3	9.5	10.8	23.5	43.7	22.8	22.6	21.1
8 and under 13	12.8	11.7	10.4	10.7	23.1	40.4	40.9	24.6	22.4
13 and under 26	29.4	26.3	20.9	22.8	50.3	35.9	42.8	47.7	49.1
26 and under 39	15.3	16.5	8.5	6.2	23.9	30.0	25.8	19.7	22.7
39 and under 52	7.0	* 3.4	* 2.9	* 2.4	9.9	10.6	11.2	8.7	5.8
52 and over	42.3	56.0	26.0	30.2	68.3	86.6	77.6	83.0	86.2
52 and under 104	15.3	27.1	12.1	12.7	27.4	37.5	34.9	34.1	39.9
104 and over	27.0	28.9	13.9	17.4	41.0	49.2	42.6	48.9	46.3
Total unemployed	137.0	143.3	94.9	101.9	231.9	287.2	257.1	243.6	245.3
— Weeks —									
Average	61.0	62.8	55.2	49.7	58.6	50.5	52.8	57.4	57.4
Median	22	26	17	17	20	17	17	20	22

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL, NSW
(per cent)

	May 1996	February 1997	March 1997	April 1997	May 1997
Birthplace—					
Australia	7.2	9.0	7.9	7.4	7.6
Outside Australia	9.1	10.3	9.7	9.5	9.1
Main English speaking countries	4.9	5.6	5.9	5.5	4.9
Other countries	11.3	12.8	11.7	11.6	11.4
Period of arrival of overseas born—					
Before 1961	5.1	* 4.1	* 4.4	5.9	5.2
1961–1970	5.5	7.6	5.7	6.7	5.5
1971–1980	8.2	7.0	9.1	7.6	8.8
1981–1985	9.9	9.8	11.8	13.3	9.0
1986–1990	10.3	12.4	10.9	10.7	11.0
1991 to survey date	16.1	21.3	16.4	14.4	15.4
Total unemployment rate	7.7	9.4	8.4	7.9	8.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PERIOD OF ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS BORN, NSW, MAY 1997

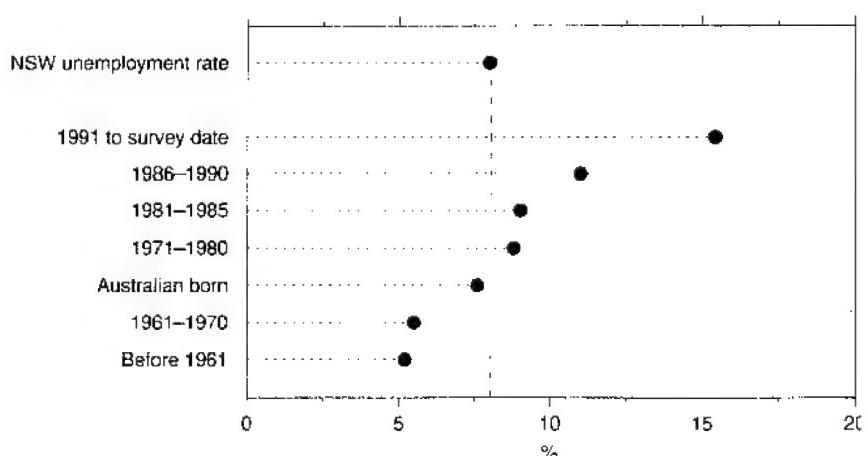


TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE, NSW

Month	Duration of unemployment (weeks)					Total unemployed persons ('000)	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	Under 13 ('000)	13 and under 26 ('000)	26 and under 39 ('000)	39 and under 104 ('000)	104 and over ('000)			
15-19								
1996—May	18.3	16.5	* 4.6	6.0	* 0.4	45.8	19.8	17
20-24								
1996—May	16.1	9.5	* 4.8	6.4	5.8	42.5	36.2	20
1997—March	20.7	12.2	* 4.4	11.0	5.9	54.2	35.9	17
April	16.1	11.4	* 2.8	10.0	8.7	49.0	51.8	20
May	16.9	12.7	* 4.8	7.9	8.9	51.3	50.0	21
25-34								
1996—May	17.8	8.4	* 4.6	9.4	10.6	50.9	63.4	23
1997—March	23.1	8.7	6.4	6.7	9.9	54.8	51.3	16
April	19.3	9.7	* 4.6	8.6	10.0	52.3	57.7	18
May	20.4	11.7	6.2	10.1	11.7	60.1	54.9	22
35-44								
1996—May	14.0	10.7	* 3.5	7.1	8.2	43.4	78.4	20
1997—March	14.6	6.0	6.7	10.8	7.3	45.4	60.9	26
April	15.4	6.7	* 3.6	8.7	8.5	42.8	56.7	22
May	12.8	8.7	* 4.0	10.6	7.1	43.2	63.8	26
45 AND OVER								
1996—May	13.2	* 5.3	6.4	8.4	16.0	49.2	91.6	38
1997—March	12.6	* 4.3	5.6	10.8	17.2	50.4	98.2	52
April	13.5	6.9	* 4.9	8.4	19.0	52.7	90.9	40
May	11.2	* 5.2	* 4.9	10.6	15.6	47.5	89.1	52
TOTAL								
1996—May	79.4	50.3	23.9	37.3	41.0	231.9	58.6	20
1997—March	99.9	42.8	25.8	46.1	42.6	257.1	52.8	17
April	84.5	47.7	19.7	42.8	48.9	243.6	57.4	20
May	81.5	49.1	22.7	45.7	46.3	245.3	57.4	22

TABLE 16. LABOUR FORCE STATUS, SYDNEY (MSR)

Month	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Looking for part-time work ('000)	Total ('000)					
	MALES										
May—											
1993	851.5	95.3	946.8	101.9	10.0	111.9	1,058.7	390.3	1,449.1	10.6	73.1
1994	876.7	101.1	977.8	92.5	9.7	102.2	1,080.0	382.4	1,462.4	9.5	73.8
1995	907.5	108.9	1,016.5	66.8	9.7	76.5	1,093.0	381.9	1,474.9	7.0	74.1
1996—											
March	898.1	120.1	1,018.2	76.2	11.5	87.7	1,105.9	376.1	1,482.0	7.9	74.6
April	897.7	113.1	1,010.9	74.3	13.6	87.8	1,098.7	384.3	1,483.0	8.0	74.1
May	901.8	115.5	1,017.3	69.3	11.0	80.3	1,097.6	386.4	1,484.0	7.3	74.0
1997—											
February	920.3	98.7	1,019.0	76.4	9.6	86.0	1,105.0	391.5	1,496.5	7.8	73.8
March	925.5	101.0	1,026.5	69.6	11.7	81.3	1,107.8	389.6	1,497.4	7.3	74.0
April	917.7	112.4	1,030.1	64.9	10.4	75.3	1,105.4	393.3	1,498.7	6.8	73.8
May	911.5	117.8	1,029.2	67.7	9.6	77.3	1,106.5	393.5	1,500.1	7.0	73.8
MARRIED FEMALES											
May—											
1993	241.3	169.3	410.6	20.9	8.1	29.1	439.6	389.9	829.5	6.6	53.0
1994	265.6	184.9	450.5	19.7	8.2	27.9	478.4	369.8	848.2	5.8	56.4
1995	261.1	185.7	446.8	13.4	8.3	21.7	468.5	387.6	856.1	4.6	54.7
1996—											
March	264.5	181.1	445.5	18.7	11.0	29.7	475.2	379.2	854.5	6.2	55.6
April	256.3	180.0	436.3	17.0	10.5	27.5	463.7	387.8	851.5	5.9	54.5
May	255.1	187.0	442.0	15.0	8.8	23.7	465.8	397.8	863.5	5.1	53.9
1997—											
February	261.0	174.2	435.3	15.9	10.0	26.0	461.2	374.1	835.3	5.6	55.2
March	264.5	181.2	445.7	15.6	8.2	23.8	469.6	375.6	845.2	5.1	55.6
April	269.1	181.1	450.2	14.0	8.3	22.3	472.5	370.9	843.3	4.7	56.0
May	267.4	180.7	448.1	11.9	10.5	22.4	470.5	379.8	850.3	4.8	55.3
ALL FEMALES											
May—											
1993	465.1	256.0	721.1	45.9	19.8	65.7	786.8	725.1	1,511.9	8.4	52.0
1994	482.5	292.5	774.9	43.6	18.1	61.7	836.6	689.2	1,525.8	7.4	54.8
1995	487.4	281.5	768.9	36.1	19.7	55.8	824.7	712.9	1,537.6	6.8	53.6
1996—											
March	505.7	285.2	791.0	39.0	22.0	61.0	852.0	692.7	1,544.7	7.2	55.2
April	500.0	279.1	779.1	39.0	20.9	59.9	839.0	707.0	1,546.0	7.1	54.3
May	490.2	290.8	780.9	34.7	18.7	53.3	834.3	713.0	1,547.2	6.4	53.9
1997—											
February	510.1	280.9	791.0	47.1	25.3	72.4	863.5	698.8	1,562.3	8.4	55.3
March	506.9	294.1	801.0	39.7	18.8	58.5	859.5	703.9	1,563.4	6.8	55.0
April	511.9	289.6	801.5	37.4	20.0	57.4	858.9	705.9	1,564.8	6.7	54.9
May	503.2	293.7	796.8	35.9	19.9	55.8	852.7	713.5	1,566.2	6.5	54.4
PERSONS											
May—											
1993	1,316.6	351.3	1,667.9	147.8	29.8	177.7	1,845.5	1,115.5	2,961.0	9.6	62.3
1994	1,359.2	393.6	1,752.8	136.0	27.8	163.8	1,916.6	1,071.6	2,988.2	8.5	64.1
1995	1,395.0	390.4	1,785.4	102.9	29.4	132.3	1,917.6	1,094.8	3,012.4	6.9	63.7
1996—											
March	1,403.8	405.3	1,809.1	115.2	33.6	148.8	1,957.9	1,068.9	3,026.8	7.6	64.7
April	1,397.8	392.2	1,790.0	113.2	34.5	147.7	1,937.7	1,091.3	3,029.0	7.6	64.0
May	1,392.0	406.3	1,798.3	103.9	29.7	133.6	1,931.9	1,099.3	3,031.2	6.9	63.7
1997—											
February	1,430.4	379.6	1,810.1	123.5	34.9	158.4	1,968.5	1,090.3	3,058.7	8.0	64.4
March	1,432.5	395.0	1,827.5	109.3	30.5	139.8	1,967.2	1,093.5	3,060.8	7.1	64.3
April	1,429.6	402.0	1,831.6	102.2	30.4	132.7	1,964.3	1,099.2	3,063.5	6.8	64.1
May	1,414.6	411.4	1,826.1	103.6	29.5	133.1	1,959.2	1,107.0	3,066.2	6.8	63.9

TABLE 17. LABOUR FORCE STATUS, BALANCE OF NSW (MSR)

Month	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Looking for part-time work ('000)	Total ('000)					
MALES											
May— 1993	471.6	52.4	524.0	71.3	* 3.6	74.8	598.9	257.2	856.1	12.5	70.0
1994	475.7	51.3	527.0	67.5	* 3.1	70.6	597.6	266.9	864.5	11.8	69.1
1995	498.1	59.0	557.1	56.4	* 4.4	60.9	618.0	261.7	879.7	9.9	70.3
1996— March	503.4	61.3	564.7	54.1	9.1	63.2	627.8	270.2	898.0	10.1	69.9
April	509.6	61.0	570.6	52.3	5.6	57.9	628.5	271.6	900.1	9.2	69.8
May	506.7	68.8	575.5	49.1	7.6	56.7	632.2	270.0	902.2	9.0	70.1
1997— February	499.0	70.4	569.3	66.3	9.3	75.6	645.0	269.7	914.6	11.7	70.5
March	508.5	68.9	577.4	56.7	9.2	65.9	643.3	272.3	915.6	10.2	70.3
April	503.5	76.5	580.0	56.0	7.8	63.8	643.9	273.0	916.8	9.9	70.2
May	496.6	71.5	568.1	60.0	6.1	66.0	634.2	283.9	918.1	10.4	69.1
MARRIED FEMALES											
May— 1993	119.4	120.2	239.6	10.7	* 4.0	14.7	254.4	254.3	508.7	5.8	50.0
1994	132.8	115.0	247.8	10.8	* 3.5	14.4	262.1	281.4	543.6	5.5	48.2
1995	136.5	130.2	266.6	6.0	* 4.4	11.0	277.6	278.3	555.9	4.0	49.9
1996— March	147.1	130.4	277.5	12.6	5.4	18.0	295.3	263.8	559.3	6.1	52.8
April	143.9	127.5	271.5	10.1	* 4.4	14.4	285.9	279.6	565.5	5.0	50.6
May	136.4	135.4	271.9	8.7	5.5	14.2	286.1	272.3	558.4	5.0	51.2
1997— February	134.3	124.9	259.1	10.6	7.0	17.5	276.7	277.6	554.3	6.3	49.9
March	129.1	131.1	260.2	13.5	7.3	20.8	281.0	266.7	547.7	7.4	51.3
April	130.1	130.2	260.3	10.4	7.4	17.8	278.1	274.8	552.9	6.4	50.3
May	133.0	132.1	265.1	10.7	6.2	16.9	282.1	273.5	555.6	6.0	50.8
ALL FEMALES											
May— 1993	196.7	171.0	367.7	32.6	10.9	43.5	411.2	463.9	875.1	10.6	47.0
1994	199.8	165.8	365.6	30.8	11.0	41.8	407.4	477.9	885.3	10.3	46.0
1995	211.1	192.9	404.0	21.9	11.5	33.4	437.4	462.8	900.3	7.6	48.6
1996— March	229.6	193.2	422.8	30.8	13.6	44.4	467.2	451.9	919.1	9.5	50.8
April	221.1	187.2	408.4	29.2	11.2	40.4	448.7	472.6	921.3	9.0	48.7
May	212.1	199.7	411.8	27.4	14.2	41.6	453.4	470.2	923.6	9.2	49.1
1997— February	215.6	187.5	403.1	32.9	20.3	53.2	456.3	481.7	938.0	11.7	48.6
March	215.7	195.7	411.4	33.4	18.0	51.5	462.9	476.3	939.2	11.1	49.3
April	218.4	191.7	410.1	31.5	15.6	47.1	457.2	483.3	940.5	10.3	48.6
May	217.2	192.6	409.8	31.3	14.8	46.1	455.9	486.0	941.8	10.1	48.4
PERSONS											
May— 1993	668.3	223.4	891.7	103.9	14.5	118.3	1,010.0	721.2	1,731.2	11.7	58.3
1994	675.5	217.1	892.6	98.3	14.1	112.4	1,005.0	744.8	1,749.8	11.2	57.4
1995	709.3	251.9	961.2	78.3	16.0	94.3	1,055.5	724.5	1,779.9	8.9	59.3
1996— March	732.9	254.5	987.4	84.9	22.7	107.6	1,095.0	722.1	1,817.1	9.8	60.3
April	730.8	248.2	979.0	81.5	16.8	98.3	1,077.3	744.2	1,821.5	9.1	59.1
May	718.8	268.5	987.3	76.5	21.7	98.3	1,085.6	740.3	1,825.8	9.1	59.5
1997— February	714.6	257.9	972.4	99.2	29.6	128.8	1,101.3	751.4	1,852.7	11.7	59.4
March	724.2	264.6	988.8	90.1	27.2	117.4	1,106.2	748.6	1,854.8	10.6	59.6
April	721.9	268.2	990.1	87.5	23.4	111.0	1,101.1	756.2	1,857.3	10.1	59.3
May	713.8	264.1	977.9	91.3	20.8	112.1	1,090.0	769.9	1,859.9	10.3	58.6

TABLE 18. EMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY (a) AND OCCUPATION (b)
SYDNEY (MSR) AND BALANCE OF NSW (MSR), MAY 1997
 ('000)

<i>Industry division and Major occupation group</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
SYDNEY (MSR)			
Industry—			
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8.5	* 3.8	12.3
Mining	* 2.6	* 0.6	* 3.2
Manufacturing	175.2	83.0	258.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.5	* 1.3	12.8
Construction	109.9	15.3	125.2
Wholesale trade	94.3	48.1	142.4
Retail trade	126.5	104.9	231.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	41.7	45.5	87.2
Transport and storage	73.8	23.4	97.2
Communication services	34.5	14.7	49.2
Finance and insurance	49.2	53.3	102.5
Property and business services	125.1	101.3	226.4
Government administration and defence	35.7	24.5	60.2
Education	40.6	84.6	125.2
Health and community services	37.7	127.5	165.2
Cultural and recreational services	28.3	27.0	55.4
Personal and other services	34.1	37.9	72.1
Occupation—			
Managers and administrators	93.8	21.2	115.1
Professionals	177.1	186.3	363.4
Associate professionals	130.8	61.9	192.7
Tradespersons and related workers	208.1	19.5	227.6
Advanced clerical and service workers	10.1	81.3	91.4
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	103.9	243.2	347.0
Intermediate production and transport workers	137.0	21.7	158.7
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	76.4	107.8	184.2
Labourers and related workers	92.0	53.9	145.9
Total employed	1,029.2	796.8	1,826.1
BALANCE OF NSW (MSR)			
Industry—			
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	71.2	26.9	98.1
Mining	19.0	* 1.5	20.6
Manufacturing	103.9	23.9	127.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	8.6	* 0.6	9.2
Construction	57.3	9.2	66.5
Wholesale trade	30.1	9.7	39.9
Retail trade	77.3	87.0	164.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	26.6	36.9	63.5
Transport and storage	26.9	6.5	33.4
Communication services	9.1	5.9	15.0
Finance and insurance	5.5	14.6	20.1
Property and business services	33.3	31.5	64.8
Government administration and defence	25.4	16.9	42.3
Education	24.4	44.1	68.6
Health and community services	21.5	68.9	90.4
Cultural and recreational services	7.5	8.6	16.1
Personal and other services	20.4	17.0	37.4
Occupation—			
Managers and administrators	72.6	20.5	93.1
Professionals	62.6	69.5	132.1
Associate professionals	67.8	37.9	105.7
Tradespersons and related workers	127.0	12.1	139.1
Advanced clerical and service workers	* 2.8	35.3	38.1
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	37.5	103.1	140.6
Intermediate production and transport workers	82.0	9.9	91.9
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	27.4	73.9	101.2
Labourers and related workers	88.5	47.6	136.1
Total employed	568.1	409.8	977.9

(a) Industry data are now classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification. See the Explanatory Notes for more details.

(b) Occupation data are now classified according to the Second Edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO). See the Explanatory Notes for more details.

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Partici- pation rate</i> (per cent)
INNER SYDNEY AND INNER WESTERN SYDNEY (SRs)							
MALES	1996— May	109.5	7.4	116.8	51.1	6.3	69.6
	1997— March	111.1	5.9	117.0	51.0	5.0	69.6
	April	116.6	7.8	124.4	51.6	6.3	70.7
	May	111.1	10.8	121.9	55.4	8.9	68.8
FEMALES	1996— May	88.1	6.7	94.9	73.4	7.1	56.4
	1997— March	95.4	6.0	101.4	68.1	5.9	59.8
	April	94.9	7.9	102.8	66.0	7.7	60.9
	May	88.9	6.2	95.2	78.0	6.5	55.0
PERSONS	1996— May	197.6	14.1	211.7	124.5	6.7	63.0
	1997— March	206.5	11.9	218.4	119.2	5.4	64.7
	April	211.5	15.7	227.2	117.6	6.9	65.9
	May	200.0	17.0	217.1	133.4	7.8	61.9
INNER SYDNEY (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	65.3	4.3	69.6	31.2	6.1	69.0
	1997— March	74.5	* 3.2	77.7	34.5	* 4.1	69.3
	April	79.1	5.0	84.1	36.7	6.0	69.6
	May	76.5	6.9	83.4	35.8	8.3	69.9
FEMALES	1996— May	61.6	* 3.5	65.1	40.4	* 5.4	61.7
	1997— March	63.2	* 3.6	66.9	39.7	* 5.4	62.8
	April	64.0	5.3	69.3	37.9	7.7	64.7
	May	58.7	* 3.1	61.7	43.5	* 4.9	58.6
PERSONS	1996— May	126.9	7.8	134.7	71.7	5.8	65.3
	1997— March	137.7	6.8	144.5	74.1	4.7	66.1
	April	143.1	10.4	153.4	74.5	6.8	67.3
	May	135.2	9.9	145.1	79.4	6.8	64.6
EASTERN SUBURBS (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	69.2	* 3.1	72.3	24.0	* 4.3	75.1
	1997— March	64.1	4.0	68.1	28.4	5.9	70.6
	April	64.4	* 3.1	67.4	30.0	* 4.5	69.2
	May	62.0	4.2	66.2	26.2	6.3	71.6
FEMALES	1996— May	53.7	* 1.6	55.3	40.1	* 2.9	58.0
	1997— March	50.1	* 3.0	53.1	37.3	* 5.6	58.8
	April	50.7	* 3.1	53.8	39.1	* 5.7	57.9
	May	53.1	* 2.7	55.9	35.8	* 4.9	60.9
PERSONS	1996— May	123.0	4.7	127.6	64.1	3.7	66.6
	1997— March	114.2	7.0	121.2	65.7	5.8	64.9
	April	115.1	6.1	121.2	69.0	5.1	63.7
	May	115.1	6.9	122.0	62.0	5.7	66.3

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—continued

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployment rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Participation rate</i> (per cent)
ST GEORGE-SUTHERLAND (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	119.7	7.6	127.3	45.5	6.0	73.7
	1997— March	118.1	9.6	127.7	38.3	7.5	76.9
	April	117.0	6.3	123.4	39.2	5.1	75.9
	May	112.9	7.9	120.7	38.0	6.5	76.1
FEMALES	1996— May	91.6	4.0	95.6	75.1	4.2	56.0
	1997— March	90.8	5.6	96.4	75.4	5.9	56.1
	April	91.0	4.9	95.9	72.3	5.1	57.0
	May	91.3	4.3	95.6	71.5	4.5	57.2
PERSONS	1996— May	211.3	11.6	222.9	120.6	5.2	64.9
	1997— March	208.9	15.3	224.1	113.7	6.8	66.3
	April	208.0	11.2	219.3	111.6	5.1	66.3
	May	204.1	12.2	216.4	109.5	5.7	66.4
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	72.0	10.1	82.1	38.9	12.3	67.8
	1997— March	67.1	9.2	76.3	34.8	12.1	68.7
	April	70.1	9.3	79.4	34.7	11.7	69.6
	May	70.2	7.8	78.0	37.7	10.0	67.4
FEMALES	1996— May	55.4	4.9	60.3	65.8	8.1	47.8
	1997— March	48.7	4.8	53.6	66.5	9.0	44.6
	April	51.1	4.7	55.8	66.5	8.3	45.6
	May	53.9	4.8	58.7	63.8	8.2	47.9
PERSONS	1996— May	127.4	15.0	142.4	104.8	10.6	57.6
	1997— March	115.9	14.0	129.9	101.3	10.8	56.2
	April	121.2	13.9	135.2	101.2	10.3	57.2
	May	124.1	12.6	136.7	101.4	9.2	57.4
FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL AND OUTER SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY (SRs)							
MALES	1996— May	139.5	17.5	157.0	46.5	11.1	77.2
	1997— March	136.8	17.5	154.4	46.4	11.4	76.9
	April	136.4	18.4	154.8	48.8	11.9	76.0
	May	138.1	18.3	156.4	50.7	11.7	75.5
FEMALES	1996— May	92.0	8.8	100.8	104.8	8.7	49.0
	1997— March	96.4	13.5	109.9	92.5	12.3	54.3
	April	91.3	16.2	107.5	90.6	15.1	54.3
	May	94.3	14.5	108.8	94.5	13.3	53.5
PERSONS	1996— May	231.5	26.3	257.8	151.2	10.2	63.0
	1997— March	233.2	31.0	264.2	138.9	11.7	65.5
	April	227.7	34.6	262.3	139.5	13.2	65.3
	May	232.4	32.8	265.2	145.1	12.4	64.6

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—continued

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployment rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Participation rate</i> (per cent)
FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL (SR)							
MALES	1996—May	70.3	13.2	83.5	31.2	15.8	72.8
	1997—March	73.0	13.7	86.8	33.1	15.8	72.4
	April	72.6	13.1	85.7	35.6	15.3	70.6
	May	76.3	13.9	90.1	35.6	15.4	71.7
FEMALES	1996—May	46.5	5.7	52.2	63.6	11.0	45.1
	1997—March	52.2	9.6	61.8	61.9	15.6	49.9
	April	48.3	11.4	59.7	61.1	19.1	49.4
	May	50.2	11.5	61.7	60.0	18.6	50.7
PERSONS	1996—May	116.8	18.9	135.7	94.8	13.9	58.9
	1997—March	125.2	23.3	148.5	95.0	15.7	61.0
	April	120.8	24.5	145.3	96.7	16.9	60.0
	May	126.5	25.4	151.8	95.6	16.7	61.4
CENTRAL WESTERN SYDNEY (SR)							
MALES	1996—May	61.0	9.0	70.0	27.8	12.9	71.6
	1997—March	68.7	6.3	75.0	39.3	8.4	65.6
	April	65.5	6.5	71.9	37.9	9.0	65.5
	May	69.5	5.0	74.5	35.7	6.7	67.6
FEMALES	1996—May	38.5	6.1	44.6	56.7	13.6	44.0
	1997—March	47.7	5.7	53.3	51.2	10.6	51.0
	April	47.2	* 2.1	49.3	54.3	* 4.2	47.6
	May	46.5	6.0	52.5	52.9	11.4	49.8
PERSONS	1996—May	99.5	15.1	114.6	84.4	13.2	57.6
	1997—March	116.4	11.9	128.3	90.5	9.3	58.7
	April	112.7	8.5	121.2	92.1	7.0	56.8
	May	116.0	11.0	127.0	88.5	8.7	58.9
OUTER WESTERN SYDNEY (SR)							
MALES	1996—May	73.1	4.5	77.5	21.7	5.8	78.1
	1997—March	88.2	5.5	93.6	19.1	5.8	83.1
	April	87.2	6.9	94.0	17.2	7.3	84.5
	May	81.1	6.6	87.7	20.0	7.5	81.4
FEMALES	1996—May	56.9	4.3	61.2	48.0	7.0	56.0
	1997—March	69.1	4.9	74.1	49.7	6.7	59.8
	April	69.4	4.1	73.5	51.9	5.6	58.6
	May	66.4	3.9	70.3	53.2	5.6	56.9
PERSONS	1996—May	129.9	8.8	138.7	69.7	6.3	66.5
	1997—March	157.3	10.4	167.7	68.8	6.2	70.9
	April	156.5	11.0	167.5	69.1	6.5	70.8
	May	147.5	10.5	158.0	73.2	6.7	68.3

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—continued

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Partici- pation rate</i> (per cent)
BLACKTOWN-BAULKHAM HILLS (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	100.4	5.7	106.2	29.0	5.4	78.5
	1997— March	96.7	8.2	104.9	30.2	7.9	77.6
	April	100.2	5.6	105.8	30.2	5.3	77.8
	May	103.6	5.2	108.8	29.4	4.8	78.7
FEMALES	1996— May	79.2	6.4	85.6	52.8	7.5	61.9
	1997— March	82.5	5.8	88.3	60.4	6.6	59.4
	April	83.3	4.4	87.7	62.5	5.0	58.4
	May	78.3	5.1	83.4	64.7	6.1	56.3
PERSONS	1996— May	179.7	12.1	191.8	81.8	6.3	70.1
	1997— March	179.2	14.1	193.3	90.6	7.3	68.1
	April	183.5	10.0	193.5	92.7	5.1	67.6
	May	181.9	10.3	192.1	94.1	5.3	67.1
LOWER NORTHERN SYDNEY (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	80.1	* 4.7	84.8	26.0	* 5.5	76.6
	1997— March	81.4	* 4.7	86.2	24.1	* 5.5	78.2
	April	79.3	* 3.2	82.5	22.2	* 3.9	78.8
	May	81.0	* 3.7	84.7	24.8	* 4.3	77.4
FEMALES	1996— May	63.5	* 0.7	64.2	50.1	* 1.1	56.2
	1997— March	77.2	* 1.7	78.9	48.5	* 2.2	61.9
	April	74.0	* 2.8	76.9	49.6	* 3.7	60.8
	May	71.3	* 3.0	74.3	51.1	* 4.1	59.2
PERSONS	1996— May	143.6	5.4	149.0	76.1	3.6	66.2
	1997— March	158.6	6.5	165.1	72.6	3.9	69.5
	April	153.3	6.1	159.4	71.8	3.8	68.9
	May	152.3	6.7	159.0	75.9	4.2	67.7
HORNSBY-KURING-GAI (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	69.3	* 2.9	72.1	25.9	* 4.0	73.6
	1997— March	63.8	* 3.2	67.0	21.3	* 4.8	75.9
	April	65.3	* 1.6	66.9	26.1	* 2.4	71.9
	May	70.4	* 2.2	72.6	24.2	* 3.0	75.0
FEMALES	1996— May	54.8	* 3.3	58.0	46.5	* 5.6	55.5
	1997— March	46.9	* 1.9	48.9	47.9	* 4.0	50.5
	April	50.4	* 2.1	52.4	48.7	* 3.9	51.8
	May	52.5	* 0.3	52.9	45.9	* 0.6	53.5
PERSONS	1996— May	124.0	6.1	130.2	72.4	4.7	64.2
	1997— March	110.7	5.2	115.9	69.3	4.4	62.6
	April	115.7	* 3.7	119.3	74.9	* 3.1	61.4
	May	123.0	* 2.5	125.5	70.1	* 2.0	64.1

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—continued

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour</i> <i>force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in</i> <i>labour</i> <i>force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemp-</i> <i>loyment</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Partici-</i> <i>pation</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)
NORTHERN BEACHES (SR) (b)							
MALES	1996— May	58.2	* 1.9	60.1	17.0	* 3.2	77.9
	1997— March	62.9	2.2	65.2	21.9	3.4	74.9
	April	58.9	2.5	61.4	23.1	4.0	72.6
	May	65.3	2.6	67.9	21.0	3.8	76.3
FEMALES	1996— May	57.0	* 0.9	57.9	46.3	* 1.5	55.6
	1997— March	48.1	* 1.9	50.0	46.7	* 3.8	51.7
	April	51.0	* 1.7	52.7	44.6	* 3.2	54.2
	May	51.8	* 0.9	52.7	47.3	* 1.6	52.7
PERSONS	1996— May	115.1	2.8	117.9	63.3	2.4	65.1
	1997— March	111.1	4.1	115.2	68.6	3.6	62.7
	April	109.9	4.2	114.0	67.7	3.6	62.7
	May	117.1	3.4	120.6	68.3	2.8	63.8
GOSFORD-WYONG (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	65.3	5.8	71.1	33.0	8.2	68.3
	1997— March	67.6	4.9	72.5	34.8	6.8	67.6
	April	69.3	4.2	73.6	32.3	5.7	69.5
	May	64.0	* 3.1	67.1	30.5	* 4.6	68.7
FEMALES	1996— May	50.3	5.7	56.0	53.4	10.2	51.2
	1997— March	48.1	* 3.5	51.5	59.7	* 6.7	46.3
	April	47.1	* 3.5	50.6	59.7	* 6.9	45.9
	May	48.5	4.0	52.5	54.9	7.6	48.9
PERSONS	1996— May	115.6	11.5	127.1	86.4	9.1	59.5
	1997— March	115.6	8.4	124.0	94.5	6.8	56.8
	April	116.4	7.7	124.2	92.0	6.2	57.4
	May	112.5	7.1	119.6	85.4	5.9	58.3
HUNTER (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	124.1	13.1	137.2	63.6	9.5	68.3
	1997— March	131.0	19.9	150.9	56.0	13.2	72.9
	April	134.3	17.2	151.5	60.7	11.4	71.4
	May	131.4	16.7	148.1	64.8	11.3	69.6
FEMALES	1996— May	87.2	11.4	98.6	108.7	11.6	47.6
	1997— March	92.7	10.9	103.6	110.8	10.5	48.3
	April	95.3	11.0	106.4	108.4	10.4	49.5
	May	90.2	10.7	100.9	113.1	10.6	47.2
PERSONS	1996— May	211.3	24.5	235.8	172.3	10.4	57.8
	1997— March	223.7	30.8	254.4	166.7	12.1	60.4
	April	229.6	28.3	257.9	169.1	11.0	60.4
	May	221.6	27.4	249.0	177.9	11.0	58.3

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—continued

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour</i> <i>force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in</i> <i>labour</i> <i>force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemp-</i> <i>loyment</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Partici-</i> <i>pation</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)
NEWCASTLE (SRS)							
MALES	1996— May	104.7	12.4	117.1	57.4	10.6	67.1
	1997— March	113.5	17.7	131.2	48.8	13.5	72.9
	April	114.4	15.8	130.2	52.0	12.1	71.5
	May	112.0	15.0	127.0	57.2	11.8	68.9
FEMALES	1996— May	73.9	10.0	84.0	96.7	12.0	46.5
	1997— March	80.1	10.5	90.6	96.4	11.6	48.5
	April	80.7	10.2	90.9	94.9	11.2	48.9
	May	75.4	10.4	85.8	98.8	12.1	46.5
PERSONS	1996— May	178.6	22.5	201.0	154.1	11.2	56.6
	1997— March	193.6	28.3	221.9	145.2	12.7	60.4
	April	195.1	26.0	221.1	146.9	11.7	60.1
	May	187.4	25.4	212.9	156.0	11.9	57.7
ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH EASTERN (SRs)(d)							
MALES	1996— May	152.5	13.0	165.5	66.6	7.9	71.3
	1997— March	142.7	15.1	157.8	70.2	9.6	69.2
	April	148.8	16.8	165.6	68.9	10.1	70.6
	May	153.0	16.3	169.3	67.7	9.6	71.5
FEMALES	1996— May	109.8	13.0	122.8	127.1	10.6	49.1
	1997— March	100.9	12.3	113.3	125.9	10.9	47.4
	April	102.1	13.1	115.3	131.8	11.4	46.7
	May	108.5	11.9	120.5	123.6	9.9	49.4
PERSONS	1996— May	262.3	26.1	288.3	193.7	9.0	59.8
	1997— March	243.7	27.4	271.1	196.1	10.1	58.0
	April	250.9	29.9	280.9	200.7	10.7	58.3
	May	261.6	28.2	289.8	191.2	9.7	60.2
ILLAWARRA (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	104.6	9.8	114.4	47.6	8.6	70.6
	1997— March	91.8	12.8	104.6	48.4	12.2	68.4
	April	95.4	14.9	110.3	46.7	13.5	70.3
	May	98.8	12.6	111.4	45.9	11.3	70.8
FEMALES	1996— May	69.9	9.0	78.9	90.6	11.4	46.5
	1997— March	63.7	8.0	71.7	91.3	11.2	44.0
	April	62.8	10.4	73.3	96.0	14.2	43.3
	May	69.3	9.0	78.2	90.3	11.4	46.4
PERSONS	1996— May	174.5	18.8	193.3	138.2	9.7	58.3
	1997— March	155.5	20.8	176.3	139.7	11.8	55.8
	April	158.2	25.4	183.6	142.7	13.8	56.3
	May	168.1	21.5	189.6	136.2	11.3	58.2

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—continued

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour</i> <i>force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in</i> <i>labour</i> <i>force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemp-</i> <i>loyment</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Partici-</i> <i>pation</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)
WOLLONGONG (SRS)							
MALES	1996— May	82.3	7.0	89.3	31.3	7.8	74.1
	1997— March	73.6	8.4	82.1	31.8	10.3	72.1
	April	78.2	10.1	88.3	30.2	11.4	74.5
	May	78.8	7.7	86.5	30.1	8.9	74.2
FEMALES	1996— May	53.6	7.1	60.7	65.4	11.6	48.1
	1997— March	47.7	6.3	54.0	63.0	11.6	46.2
	April	48.3	6.9	55.2	67.5	12.4	45.0
	May	50.8	6.5	57.3	63.0	11.3	47.6
PERSONS	1996— May	135.9	14.0	150.0	96.6	9.3	60.8
	1997— March	121.4	14.7	136.1	94.8	10.8	58.9
	April	126.6	17.0	143.5	97.7	11.8	59.5
	May	129.6	14.2	143.8	93.0	9.9	60.7
RICHMOND-TWEED AND MID-NORTH COAST (SRs)							
MALES	1996— May	91.1	15.3	106.4	59.2	14.3	64.2
	1997— March	100.3	17.3	117.7	65.0	14.7	64.4
	April	97.1	17.1	114.2	65.5	15.0	63.5
	May	87.5	13.9	101.3	71.1	13.7	58.8
FEMALES	1996— May	74.9	9.6	84.5	94.1	11.4	47.3
	1997— March	78.2	9.2	87.4	101.1	10.5	46.4
	April	73.0	9.0	81.9	106.1	10.9	43.6
	May	65.8	12.1	77.9	106.3	15.5	42.3
PERSONS	1996— May	166.1	24.9	190.9	153.3	13.0	55.5
	1997— March	178.5	26.6	205.1	166.2	13.0	55.2
	April	170.1	26.0	196.2	171.7	13.3	53.3
	May	153.3	26.0	179.2	177.4	14.5	50.3
NORTHERN, FAR WEST-NORTH WESTERN AND CENTRAL WEST (SRs) (c)							
MALES	1996— May	123.7	8.2	131.9	51.8	6.2	71.8
	1997— March	124.8	9.4	134.2	52.1	7.0	72.0
	April	120.5	7.8	128.3	48.5	6.1	72.6
	May	116.6	15.0	131.6	51.1	11.4	72.0
FEMALES	1996— May	89.2	* 4.6	93.9	88.0	* 4.9	51.6
	1997— March	88.1	9.8	97.9	88.8	10.0	52.5
	April	88.8	6.9	95.7	84.9	7.2	53.0
	May	89.2	* 4.8	94.1	93.0	* 5.1	50.3
PERSONS	1996— May	213.0	12.8	225.7	139.8	5.7	61.8
	1997— March	212.9	19.2	232.1	140.9	8.3	62.2
	April	209.4	14.7	224.0	133.4	6.5	62.7
	May	205.9	19.8	225.7	144.1	8.8	61.0

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS (a), REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—*continued*

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Not in labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployment rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Participation rate</i> (per cent)
MURRAY-MURRUMBIDGEE (SR)							
MALES	1996— May	79.4	6.4	85.8	25.8	7.5	76.9
	1997— March	74.5	* 4.1	78.6	23.1	* 5.2	77.3
	April	74.3	4.9	79.2	23.6	6.2	77.1
	May	74.8	* 3.9	78.7	25.3	* 4.9	75.6
FEMALES	1996— May	48.1	* 2.9	51.1	48.1	* 5.7	51.5
	1997— March	49.3	8.9	58.2	42.7	15.3	57.7
	April	48.4	7.1	55.5	44.8	12.8	55.3
	May	53.5	6.5	60.1	44.9	10.9	57.2
PERSONS	1996— May	127.6	9.3	136.9	73.8	6.8	65.0
	1997— March	123.8	13.0	136.8	65.8	9.5	67.5
	April	122.7	12.0	134.7	68.4	8.9	66.3
	May	128.3	10.4	138.7	70.2	7.5	66.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (SRs) (d)							
MALES	1996— May	132.1	10.5	142.6	41.4	7.4	77.5
	1997— March	* 132.2	10.8	142.9	47.4	7.5	75.1
	April	* 137.2	8.6	145.8	47.0	5.9	75.6
	May	* 139.1	9.6	148.7	46.3	6.4	76.3
FEMALES	1996— May	112.2	10.2	122.3	76.5	8.3	61.5
	1997— March	* 112.3	8.8	121.1	74.5	7.3	61.9
	April	* 113.4	7.9	121.2	76.0	6.5	61.5
	May	* 114.4	8.8	123.2	71.8	7.1	63.2
PERSONS	1996— May	244.2	20.7	264.9	117.8	7.8	69.2
	1997— March	* 244.5	19.6	264.0	121.8	7.4	68.4
	April	* 250.5	16.5	267.0	123.0	6.2	68.5
	May	* 253.5	18.4	271.9	118.0	6.8	69.7

(a) While the Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable estimates at the national and State/Territory level, it also delivers estimates for a number of regions within States. As with national and State estimates, regional labour force estimates are subject to sampling error. Since estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level — and are thus based on a considerably smaller sample size — they are subject to higher relative standard error. Care should therefore be taken in interpretation of regional estimates, particularly month to month movements. Tables of standard errors are included in the Technical Note on pages 59–64 of this publication. (b) Previously Manly-Warringah (SR). (c) Excludes components of Far West (SD). These are published as part of Balance of NSW (MSR). (d) Estimates for the South Eastern (SR) are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern (SR) are included in ACT and South Eastern (SRs), and in Illawarra and South Eastern (SRs).

TABLE 20. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: ORIGINAL SERIES, ACT

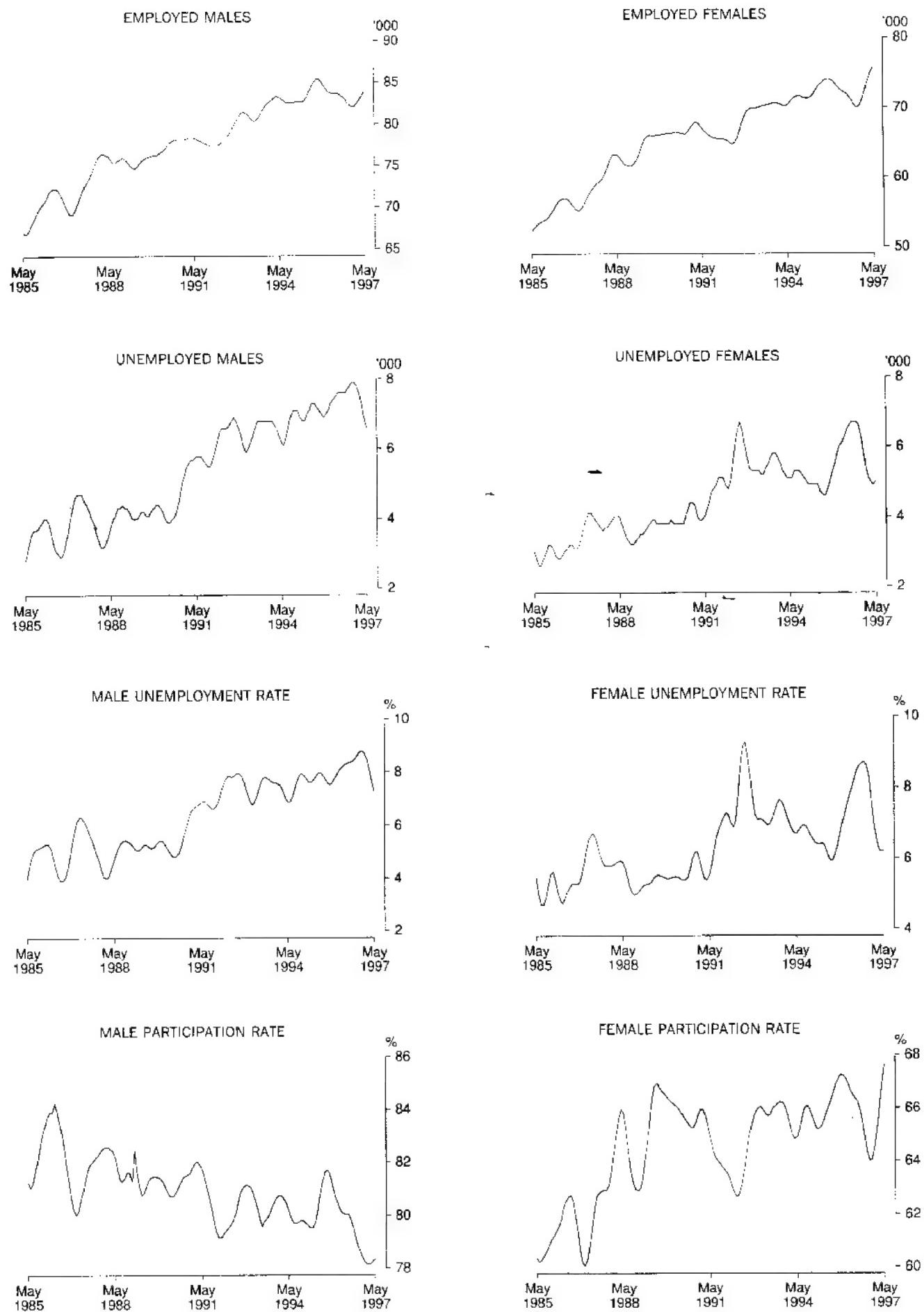
Month	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (per cent)	Participation rate (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Part-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Looking for part-time work ('000)	Total ('000)					
MALES											
May— 1993	71.9	9.2	81.1	4.7	1.1	5.8	86.9	22.2	109.1	6.7	79.7
1994	73.1	10.5	83.6	4.4	1.6	6.0	89.6	22.0	111.6	6.7	80.3
1995	72.3	9.6	81.8	6.3	1.6	7.9	89.8	23.0	112.8	8.8	79.6
MARRIED FEMALES											
May— 1993	27.3	13.5	40.8	* 0.8	* 0.4	1.2	41.9	20.7	62.7	2.8	66.9
1994	25.8	15.7	41.4	* 0.8	1.0	1.8	43.3	21.0	64.2	4.2	67.4
1995	25.8	16.0	41.8	1.1	* 0.3	1.5	43.3	21.5	64.8	3.4	66.8
ALL FEMALES											
May— 1993	45.1	26.4	71.4	2.6	1.7	4.3	75.8	38.7	114.5	5.7	66.2
1994	45.7	25.0	70.7	2.3	2.6	5.0	75.6	40.5	116.1	6.5	65.1
1995	44.9	27.7	72.6	2.4	1.8	4.2	76.8	40.4	117.3	5.5	65.5
PERSONS											
May— 1993	117.0	35.6	152.6	7.2	2.9	10.1	162.7	60.9	223.5	6.2	72.8
1994	118.9	35.4	154.3	6.7	4.2	10.9	165.2	62.5	227.8	6.6	72.5
1995	117.2	37.3	154.4	8.7	3.4	12.2	166.6	63.4	230.0	7.3	72.4
1996—											
March	116.6	39.3	155.8	10.4	5.3	15.7	171.5	60.4	231.9	9.1	73.9
April	115.5	38.2	153.7	10.2	4.6	14.8	168.6	63.5	232.1	8.8	72.6
May	117.0	39.4	156.4	9.8	3.6	13.5	169.9	62.4	232.3	7.9	73.1
1997—											
February	116.8	38.1	154.9	10.4	5.0	15.4	170.3	64.2	234.5	9.0	72.6
March	118.0	38.3	156.3	8.3	4.6	12.9	169.2	65.5	234.7	7.6	72.1
April	118.1	39.6	157.8	7.7	4.3	11.9	169.7	65.0	234.7	7.0	72.3
May	120.0	40.0	160.0	7.5	4.2	11.7	171.7	63.1	234.7	6.8	73.1

TABLE 21. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: TREND SERIES, ACT

<i>Month</i>	<i>Employed</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployed</i> ('000)	<i>Labour force</i> ('000)	<i>Unemployment</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)	<i>Participation</i> <i>rate</i> (per cent)
MALES					
<i>May</i> —					
1993	80.7	6.4	87.1	7.4	79.9
1994	83.3	6.2	89.5	6.9	80.2
1995	83.3	7.1	90.4	7.9	80.2
<i>1996</i> —					
March	83.7	7.4	91.1	8.1	80.1
April	83.6	7.5	91.1	8.2	80.1
May	83.6	7.6	91.1	8.3	80.0
June	83.6	7.6	91.2	8.3	80.0
July	83.5	7.6	91.1	8.4	79.8
August	83.3	7.6	90.9	8.4	79.5
September	83.0	7.7	90.6	8.5	79.1
October	82.6	7.8	90.4	8.6	78.8
November	82.3	7.9	90.1	8.7	78.6
December	82.1	7.9	90.0	8.8	78.3
<i>1997</i> —					
January	82.1	7.8	89.9	8.7	78.2
February	82.4	7.6	90.0	8.5	78.2
March	82.8	7.3	90.1	8.1	78.1
April	83.3	6.9	90.2	7.7	78.2
May	83.8	6.6	90.4	7.3	78.4
FEMALES					
<i>May</i> —					
1993	70.0	5.2	75.2	6.9	65.7
1994	70.3	5.1	75.4	6.7	64.9
1995	72.3	4.9	77.2	6.3	65.8
<i>1996</i> —					
March	72.7	6.1	78.8	7.8	66.7
April	72.4	6.3	78.7	8.0	66.5
May	72.1	6.5	78.6	8.2	66.4
June	71.9	6.6	78.5	8.5	66.2
July	71.6	6.7	78.3	8.6	66.0
August	71.1	6.7	77.8	8.7	65.5
September	70.5	6.7	77.2	8.7	64.9
October	70.0	6.6	76.6	8.6	64.3
November	70.0	6.3	76.3	8.3	64.0
December	70.5	5.9	76.4	7.7	64.1
<i>1997</i> —					
January	71.5	5.4	77.0	7.1	64.5
February	72.7	5.1	77.9	6.6	65.2
March	73.9	5.0	78.9	6.3	66.0
April	74.9	4.9	79.9	6.2	66.9
May	75.7	5.0	80.8	6.2	67.6
PERSONS					
<i>May</i> —					
1993	150.7	11.6	162.3	7.2	72.6
1994	153.7	11.2	164.9	6.8	72.4
1995	155.6	12.0	167.6	7.2	72.9
<i>1996</i> —					
March	156.4	13.5	169.9	8.0	73.3
April	156.0	13.8	169.8	8.1	73.1
May	155.7	14.0	169.7	8.3	73.1
June	155.5	14.2	169.7	8.4	73.0
July	155.1	14.3	169.4	8.5	72.8
August	154.3	14.4	168.7	8.5	72.4
September	153.4	14.4	167.9	8.6	71.9
October	152.6	14.4	167.0	8.6	71.4
November	152.2	14.2	166.4	8.5	71.1
December	152.6	13.8	166.3	8.3	71.1
<i>1997</i> —					
January	153.6	13.3	166.9	7.9	71.2
February	155.1	12.7	167.9	7.6	71.6
March	156.7	12.3	169.0	7.3	72.0
April	158.2	11.9	170.1	7.0	72.5
May	159.5	11.6	171.1	6.8	72.9

(a) See Explanatory Notes 29 and 30.

TREND SERIES, ACT (a)



(a) Comparisons between these graphs should not be made, as their vertical axes are not similarly scaled.

TABLE 22. LABOUR FORCE STATUS: AGE, ACT, MAY 1997

	Persons						
	Females			Age group (years)			
	Males	Married	Total	15-19	20-24	25 and over	Total
— '000 —							
<i>Employed</i>	84.9	43.6	75.1	10.8	22.6	126.6	160.0
Full-time workers	73.2	28.2	46.8	2.4	14.5	103.1	120.0
Part-time workers	11.7	15.4	28.3	8.5	8.0	23.5	40.0
<i>Unemployed</i>	5.8	2.1	5.8	3.1	2.0	6.5	11.7
Looking for full-time work	3.9	1.3	3.5	* 0.9	1.8	4.8	7.5
Looking for part-time work	1.9	* 0.8	2.3	2.3	* 0.2	1.7	4.2
<i>Labour force</i>	90.8	45.7	80.9	14.0	24.6	133.1	171.7
Not in labour force	24.6	20.9	38.5	8.3	4.3	50.5	63.1
Aged 15-19 attending school	3.9	* 0.0	2.9	6.8	6.8
<i>Civilian population</i>	115.3	66.6	119.4	22.3	28.8	183.6	234.7
— per cent —							
Unemployment rate	6.4	4.6	7.2	22.5	8.1	4.9	6.8
Looking for full-time work	5.1	4.2	7.0	* 26.3	10.8	4.5	5.8
Participation rate	78.7	68.7	67.8	62.7	85.2	72.5	73.1
Employment/population ratio	73.6	65.5	62.9	48.6	78.3	69.0	68.2
— number —							
Average weekly hours worked by employed persons	39.2	31.0	30.1	17.4	30.9	37.2	34.9
Average duration of unemployment (weeks)	51.0	20.4	22.9	17.1	26.0	49.9	37.0

TABLE 23. NON-INSTITUTIONALISED PERSONS(a): LABOUR FORCE STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND YEAR OF ARRIVAL, ACT, MAY 1997
('000)

	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over
<i>Born in Australia</i>	120.7	8.6	37.1	129.3	166.4
<i>Born outside Australia</i>	39.3	3.1	23.3	42.4	65.6
Arrived before 1966	10.1	* 0.4	8.8	10.4	19.2
Arrived 1966-1970	6.2	* 0.4	3.0	6.6	9.6
Arrived 1971-1975	5.9	* 0.2	1.7	6.1	7.8
Arrived 1976-1980	3.7	* 0.4	1.2	4.1	5.3
Arrived 1981-1985	4.5	* 0.4	2.4	4.9	7.3
Arrived 1986-1990	5.2	* 0.2	2.5	5.5	7.9
Arrived 1991-1995	3.1	* 0.6	2.6	3.7	6.3
Arrived 1991 to survey date	3.7	1.0	3.7	4.7	8.5
<i>Main English speaking countries</i>	15.4	1.3	8.2	16.7	24.9
Arrived before 1966	4.1	* 0.1	3.5	4.2	7.7
Arrived 1966-1970	2.4	* 0.2	1.1	2.6	3.7
Arrived 1971-1975	2.6	* 0.2	* 0.7	2.8	3.5
Arrived 1976-1980	1.2	* 0.1	* 0.5	1.3	1.8
Arrived 1981-1985	1.3	* 0.2	1.0	1.5	2.5
Arrived 1986-1990	1.9	* 0.0	* 0.7	1.9	2.6
Arrived 1991-1995	1.6	* 0.2	* 0.4	1.8	2.2
Arrived 1991 to survey date	1.9	* 0.6	* 0.6	2.5	3.0
<i>Other than Main English speaking countries</i>	23.9	1.7	15.1	25.7	40.8
Arrived before 1966	6.0	* 0.3	5.2	6.3	11.5
Arrived 1966-1970	3.8	* 0.2	1.9	4.0	5.9
Arrived 1971-1975	3.2	* 0.1	1.0	3.3	4.3
Arrived 1976-1980	2.5	* 0.3	* 0.6	2.8	3.4
Arrived 1981-1985	3.2	* 0.2	1.5	3.4	4.9
Arrived 1986-1990	3.4	* 0.2	1.7	3.6	5.3
Arrived 1991-1995	1.4	* 0.4	2.2	1.9	4.1
Arrived 1991 to survey date	1.8	* 0.4	3.2	2.3	5.5
Total	160.0	11.7	60.4	171.7	232.1

(a) Excludes boarding school pupils.

TABLE 24. EMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY, ACT
('000)

Industry division	Males		Females		Persons	
	May 1996	May 1997	May 1996	May 1997	May 1996	May 1997
Industry—						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 0.5
Mining	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.2
Manufacturing	3.1	2.6	1.6	1.7	4.6	4.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 0.7	* 0.4
Construction	7.6	10.8	* 0.9	* 1.3	8.5	12.1
Wholesale trade	3.6	3.4	* 1.2	* 0.8	4.8	4.2
Retail trade	9.8	10.7	9.9	11.8	19.8	22.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.0	9.2	8.2
Transport and storage	4.0	3.2	* 1.1	1.3	5.2	4.5
Communication services	1.5	* 0.9	* 1.2	* 0.8	2.7	1.7
Finance and insurance	1.7	* 1.3	2.2	1.8	3.9	3.0
Property and business services	12.4	11.6	7.3	8.7	19.7	20.3
Government administration and defence	21.9	21.4	18.2	19.1	40.1	40.5
Education	4.9	4.9	10.0	8.4	14.9	13.2
Health and community services	2.1	2.7	8.8	9.5	11.0	12.2
Cultural and recreational services	2.8	2.6	1.6	3.2	4.4	5.8
Personal and other services	3.0	3.8	3.6	2.6	6.6	6.3
Total employed	84.2	84.9	72.2	75.1	156.4	160.0

TABLE 25. EMPLOYED PERSONS: OCCUPATION (a), ACT, MAY 1997
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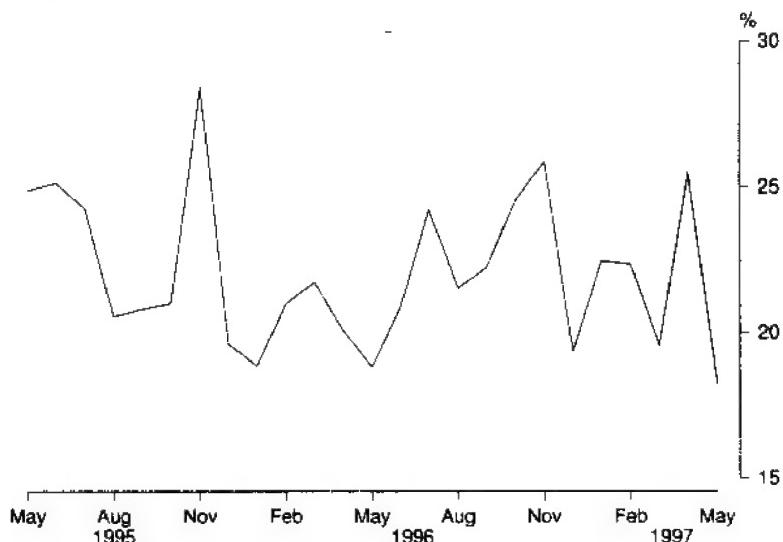
Major occupation group	Persons		
	Males	Females	Persons
Occupation—			
Managers and administrators	10.7	5.3	16.0
Professionals	19.8	17.3	37.1
Associate professionals	12.5	8.7	21.3
Tradespersons and related workers	13.6	1.7	15.3
Advanced clerical and service workers	* 1.0	5.6	6.6
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	8.9	20.7	29.6
Intermediate production and transport workers	4.7	* 0.9	5.6
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	7.9	12.8	20.7
Labourers and related workers	5.8	2.1	7.9
Total employed	84.9	75.1	160.0

(a) Occupation data are now classified according to the Second Edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO). See the Explanatory Notes for more details.

TABLE 26. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT, ACT

Month	Long-term unemployment									Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	52 weeks and under 104			104 weeks and over			Total					
	Males ('000)	Females ('000)	Persons ('000)	Males ('000)	Females ('000)	Persons ('000)	Males ('000)	Females ('000)	Persons ('000)	Males (per cent)	Females (per cent)	Persons (per cent)
<i>1996—</i>												
March	* 0.9	* 0.8	* 1.8	1.2	* 0.4	1.7	2.1	1.3	3.4	24.6	18.2	21.8
April	* 0.8	* 1.0	* 1.8	0.9	* 0.2	1.1	1.8	1.2	3.0	22.6	17.3	20.1
May	* 0.8	* 0.9	* 1.8	* 0.6	* 0.2	* 0.8	1.4	1.1	2.5	19.7	17.8	18.8
June	* 1.2	* 0.5	* 1.7	* 0.6	* 0.2	* 0.9	1.8	* 0.8	2.6	27.2	13.5	20.9
July	* 1.2	* 0.7	* 1.9	* 0.7	* 0.6	1.3	1.9	1.3	3.2	25.8	22.3	24.2
August	* 0.9	* 0.6	* 1.6	* 0.9	* 0.6	1.5	1.9	1.2	3.1	23.6	19.0	21.6
September	* 0.9	* 0.4	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 0.8	1.7	1.7	1.2	2.9	25.1	19.1	22.2
October	* 1.2	* 0.4	* 1.6	* 0.9	* 0.6	1.5	2.1	1.0	3.2	29.0	18.6	24.6
November	* 1.1	* 0.9	* 1.9	* 0.7	* 0.7	1.4	1.7	1.6	3.3	27.7	24.2	25.9
December	* 0.9	* 0.5	* 1.4	* 0.9	* 0.4	1.3	1.8	* 0.9	2.7	21.6	16.0	19.4
<i>1997—</i>												
January	* 1.4	* 1.0	* 2.4	* 0.6	* 0.4	1.0	2.0	1.4	3.4	22.5	22.3	22.5
February	* 1.4	* 0.7	* 2.1	* 0.9	* 0.4	1.3	2.3	1.2	3.4	26.0	17.5	22.4
March	* 1.3	* 0.3	* 1.5	* 0.8	* 0.2	1.0	2.1	* 0.4	2.5	24.9	9.5	19.6
April	* 1.2	* 0.5	* 1.7	* 0.6	* 0.6	1.3	1.9	1.2	3.0	27.8	22.5	25.5
May	* 0.9	* 0.4	* 1.3	* 0.7	* 0.2	* 0.9	1.6	* 0.6	2.1	26.8	9.7	18.2

LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED AS A PROPORTION OF TOTAL UNEMPLOYED, ACT



EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains estimates of the labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) component of the monthly population survey, which is conducted on a sample basis throughout Australia.

THE POPULATION SURVEY

2 This survey consists of the LFS and, in most months, one or more supplementary topics. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers slightly less than 0.5% of the population of NSW. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

3 The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the LFS. Households selected for the LFS are interviewed each month for eight months, with one-eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face with subsequent interviews conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

SCOPE

4 The LFS includes all persons aged 15 years and over, except:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- overseas residents in Australia; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

5 Following each Population Census, the ABS re-designs and re-selects the LFS to take into account the new information which is obtained from the Census. The sample used in the LFS was re-designed and re-selected using information collected in the 1991 Census. The new sample was phased in over the period September to December 1992.

6 For the most part, one-quarter of the new sample was introduced each month so that, by December 1992, the entire new sample was in place.

POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON LABOUR FORCE SURVEY ESTIMATES

7 Implications for estimates produced from the LFS due to sample redesign and its implementation are as follows.

- The sampling error overall increased initially by about 7% over the previous level but has gradually declined during the life of the new sample. For State estimates, the initial increase was about 8%, while for the Territories, there was a decrease of 19%. There were also higher standard errors for movements produced over the period September 1992 to December 1992 compared with those for the corresponding series produced prior to this period and from January 1993 onwards. Overall, these were estimated to be up to 20% higher than the normal standard errors on monthly movements.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

- Analysis has shown that the unemployment rate is marginally higher (less than 0.5 percentage points on average) for those persons in the sample for the first time. Normally, this will not affect the overall estimates of month-to-month movements because the number of persons in the sample does not change significantly. However, during the transition period, there were twice as many people as usual in the sample for the first time. This may have caused a small upward movement (of less than 0.1 percentage points on average) in the unemployment rate from August 1992 to September 1992 and a compensating decrease from December 1992 to January 1993.
- 8 For further information, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey: Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

DEFINITIONS

- 9 The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on the actual activity undertaken during the reference week (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.). The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Office (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.
- 10 *Employed persons* comprise all civilians aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:
 - worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind (including employees, employers and self-employed persons) in a job or business, or on a farm; or
 - worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
 - were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
 - were employers, self-employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
- 11 Prior to April 1986, unpaid family helpers who worked for 1–14 hours were excluded from the category of employed persons.
- 12 Employed persons can be classified into:
 - *full-time workers* (i.e. those who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week); and
 - *part-time workers* (i.e. those who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week).

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

13 *Unemployed persons* are all those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:

- had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week, and:
 - were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or
 - were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or
- were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

14 *Actively looking for work* includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service notice-boards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

15 *The unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

16 The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed as defined above.

17 *Long-term unemployed* comprises persons unemployed for a period of 52 weeks or more.

18 *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the reference week, were not in the categories *employed* or *unemployed* as defined above.

19 *The labour force participation rate* for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

20 *Duration of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was stood down to the end of the reference week.

21 *Unemployed persons classified by industry and occupation.* Unemployed persons who had worked full-time for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the industry and occupation of their most recent full-time job.

22 *Industry classification.* From August 1994, LFS industry data have been classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0). For further information about the application of ANZSIC to LFS data, see *Information Paper Labour Force Survey: Introduction of ANZSIC for industry data* (Cat. no. 6259.0).

23 *Occupation classification.* From August 1996, occupation data are classified according to the *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO), Second Edition*. This replaces the First Edition which was introduced into the survey in August 1986. A detailed description of the new classification appears in *ASCO — Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Information Paper* (Cat. no. 1221.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

24 Marital status. In the LFS, persons are classified as married or not married. Persons are classified as married if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey.

25 Persons attending school or a tertiary educational institution. Persons attending school comprise those aged 15–19 years who, during the reference week, were enrolled full-time at secondary or high schools (including boarding school pupils). Persons attending a tertiary educational institution comprise those aged 15–24 years who were enrolled full-time at universities, colleges of advanced education, technical colleges, colleges of technical and further education, and theological colleges.

26 Employment/population ratio. For any group, the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

STATISTICAL AREAS

27 The regional structure for NSW used in tables 16–19 is based on the Statistical Region structure of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). For further information concerning statistical areas, please refer to pages 53–58 and the publications *Regional Statistics, New South Wales* (Cat. no. 1304.1) and *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (Cat. no. 1216.0).

28 Data for the combined Statistical Regions of South Eastern (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory appeared, for the first time, in the February 1997 issue.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

29 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- employment: 5 in 10 monthly movements;
- unemployment: 7 in 10 monthly movements; and
- participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements

30 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of the underlying trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced which include the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available.

31 Seasonally adjusted series for NSW appear in this publication in table 2. Trend estimates for NSW and ACT appear in tables 2 and 21 respectively. Seasonally adjusted data is not available for ACT.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

32 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. The Technical note on pages 59–61 of this publication gives information on these sources of error.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

33 Users may also wish to refer to the following related publications which are available from the ABS Bookshop:

- *Australian Capital Territory at a Glance*, Cat. no. 1314.8, issued annually.
- *Australian Capital Territory Business Indicators*, Cat. no. 1303.8, issued monthly.
- *Australian Capital Territory Statistical Summary*, Cat. no. 1307.8, issued annually.
- *A Guide to Labour Statistics*, Cat. no. 6102.0.
- *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of 'Trend'*, Cat. no. 1316.0.
- *Information Paper: ASCO — Australian Standard Classifications of Occupations*, Cat. no. 1221.0.
- *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey: Introduction of ANZSIC for Industry Data*, Cat. no. 6259.0.
- *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey — Sample Design*, Cat. no. 6269.0.
- *Labour Statistics, Australia*, Cat. no. 6101.0, issued annually.
- *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary*, Cat. no. 6202.0, issued monthly.
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- *Time Series Decomposition — An Overview*, Cat. no. 1317.0.

ADDITIONAL DATA

34 In addition to the LFS, the ABS publishes a wide range of supplementary labour market information. For details see page 52 of this publication.

35 The ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, computer printout, clerically-extracted tabulation. In general, a charge is made for providing unpublished information.

ROUNDING

36 Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals shown.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

A	Area
C	City
MSR	Major Statistical Region
n.e.c.	Not elsewhere classified
SD	Statistical Division
SR	Statistical Region
SRS	Statistical Region Sector
*	Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See the Technical note on Data Reliability.
—	Nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

APPENDIX SUPPLEMENTARY TOPICS

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force are carried out from time to time.

It was ABS practice to release statistics from supplementary and special surveys in Section B of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This practice ceased with the release of the February 1996 issue of *Labour Force, Australia*. For future releases of supplementary labour data, separate publications containing summary results and key findings will be produced.

Equivalent tables at the State level are available on microfiche. In addition, other unpublished data can be provided to meet special requirements.

CATALOGUE/ PRODUCT NO.	TITLE OF PUBLICATION/STANDARD DATA SERVICE	PRICE (a)
		\$
6206.0.40.001*	Labour Force Experience, Australia, February 1995	17.50
6209.0	Labour Mobility, Australia, February 1996	16.00
6216.0.40.001*	Multiple Jobholding, Australia, August 1994	17.50
6220.0	Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1996	16.00
6222.0	Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1996	15.50
6224.0	Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1996	16.50
6227.0	Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1996	16.00
6235.0	Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1994	13.00
6238.0.40.001*	Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, November 1994	17.50
6243.0	Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia, 1993	18.00
6245.0	Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, July 1996	15.50
6250.0	Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, November 1996	15.50
6254.0	Career Experience, Australia, November 1996	16.00
6264.0.40.001*	Persons who had re-entered the Labour Force, Australia, July 1995	25.00
6265.0	Underemployed Workers, Australia, September 1996	15.50
6267.0.40.001*	Persons who have left the Labour Force, Australia, September 1994	17.50
6272.0	Participation in Education, Australia, September 1996	16.50
6275.0	Persons Employed at Home, Australia, September 1995	14.50
6278.0	Training and Education Experience, Australia, 1993	30.00
6286.0	Australians' Employment and Unemployment Patterns, Jobseekers, 1995	19.00
6289.0	Australians' Employment and Unemployment Patterns, First Results, 1994-1996	13.50
6310.0.40.001*	Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution), Australia, August 1995	25.00
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6342.0.40.001*	Working Arrangements, Australia, August 1995	25.00

(a) Prices quoted are subject to revision.

* Standard data service

APPENDIX REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT

<i>Major Statistical Region</i>	<i>Statistical Region/ Statistical Region Sector</i>	<i>Statistical Local Area</i>
SYDNEY		
	Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney (SRs)	Ashfield (A) Botany (A) Burwood (A) Concord (A) Drummoyne (A) Leichhardt (A) Marrickville (A) South Sydney (C) Strathfield (A) Sydney (C) — Inner Sydney (C) — Remainder
	Inner Sydney (SR)	Botany (A) Leichhardt (A) Marrickville (A) South Sydney (C) Sydney (C) — Inner Sydney (C) — Remainder
	Eastern Suburbs (SR)	Randwick (C) Waverley (A) Woollahra (A)
	St George–Sutherland (SR)	Hurstville (C) Kogarah (A) Rockdale (A) Sutherland Shire (A)
	Canterbury–Bankstown (SR)	Bankstown (C) Canterbury (A)
	Fairfield–Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney (SRs)	Camden (A) Campbelltown (C) Fairfield (C) Liverpool (C) Wollondilly (A)
	Fairfield–Liverpool (SR)	Fairfield (C) Liverpool (C)
	Central Western Sydney (SR)	Auburn (A) Holroyd (C) Parramatta (C)
	Outer Western Sydney (SR)	Blue Mountains (C) Hawkesbury (C) Penrith (C)

APPENDIX REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT *continued*

<i>Major Statistical Region</i>	<i>Statistical Region/ Statistical Region Sector</i>	<i>Statistical Local Area</i>
SYDNEY <i>continued</i>		
	Blacktown–Baulkham Hills (SR)	Baulkham Hills (A) Blacktown (C)
	Lower Northern Sydney (SR)	Hunter's Hill (A) Lane Cove (A) Mosman (A) North Sydney (A) Ryde (C) Willoughby (C)
	Hornsby–Ku-ring-gai (SR)	Hornsby (A) Ku-ring-gai (A)
	Northern Beaches (SR)	Manly (A) Pittwater (A) Warringah (A)
	Gosford–Wyong (SR)	Gosford (C) Wyong (A)
BALANCE OF NSW (b)		
	Hunter (SR)	Cessnock (C) Dungog (A) Gloucester (A) Great Lakes (A) Lake Macquarie (C) Maitland (C) Merriwa (A) Murrurundi (A) Muswellbrook (A) Newcastle (C) — Inner Newcastle (C) — Remainder Port Stephens (A) Scone (A) Singleton (A)
	Newcastle (SRS)	Cessnock (C) Lake Macquarie (C) Maitland (C) Newcastle (C) — Inner Newcastle (C) — Remainder Port Stephens (A)

APPENDIX REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT *continued*

<i>Major Statistical Region</i>	<i>Statistical Region/ Statistical Region Sector</i>	<i>Statistical Local Area</i>	
BALANCE OF NSW <i>continued</i>			
	Illawarra and South Eastern (SRs)	Bega Valley (A) Bombala (A) Boorowa (A) Cooma-Monaro (A) Crookwell (A) Eurobodalla (A) Goulburn (C) Gunning (A) Harden (A) Kiama (A) Mulwaree (A) Queanbeyan (C) Shellharbour (A) Shoalhaven (C) Snowy River (A) Tallaganda (A) Wingecarribee (A) Wollongong (C) Yarrowlumla (A) Yass (A) Young (A)	
	Illawarra (SR)	Kiama (A) Shellharbour (A) Shoalhaven (C) Wingecarribee (A) Wollongong (C)	
	Wollongong (SRS)	Kiama (A) Shellharbour (A) Wollongong (C)	
	Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast (SRs)	Ballina (A) Bellingen (A) Byron (A) Casino (A) Coffs Harbour (C) Copmanhurst (A) Grafton (C) Greater Taree (C) Hastings (A) Kempsey (A) Kyogle (A) Lismore (C) Lord Howe Island Maclean (A) Nambucca (A) Nymboida (A) Richmond River (A) Tweed (A) — Part A Tweed (A) — Part B Ulmarra (A)	

APPENDIX REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT *continued*

<i>Major Statistical Region</i>	<i>Statistical Region/ Statistical Region Sector</i>	<i>Statistical Local Area</i>	
BALANCE OF NSW <i>continued</i>			
	Northern, Far West–North Western and Central West (SRs)	Armidale (C) Barraba (A) Bathurst (C) Bingara (A) Bland (A) Blayney (A) — Part A Blayney (A) — Part B Bogan (A) Bourke (A) Brewarrina (A) Cabonne (A) — Part A Cabonne (A) — Part B Cabonne (A) — Part C Cobar (A) Coolah (A) Coonabarabran (A) Coonamble (A) Cowra (A) Dubbo (C) Dumaresq (A) Evans (A) — Part A Evans (A) — Part B Forbes (A) Gilgandra (A) Glen Innes (A) Greater Lithgow (C) Gunnedah (A) Guyra (A) Inverell (A) — Part A Inverell (A) — Part B Lachlan (A) Manilla (A) Moree Plains (A) Mudgee (A) Narrabri (A) Narramine (A) Nundle (A) Oberon (A) Orange (C) Parkes (A) Parry (A) Quirindi (A) Rylstone (A) Severn (A) Tamworth (C) Tenterfield (A) Walcha (A) Walgett (A) Warren (A) Weddin (A) Wellington (A) Yallaroi (A)	

APPENDIX REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT *continued*

<i>Major Statistical Region</i>	<i>Statistical Region/ Statistical Region Sector</i>	<i>Statistical Local Area</i>	
BALANCE OF NSW <i>continued</i>			
	Murray-Murrumbidgee (SR)	Albury (C) Balranald (A) Berrigan (A) Carrathool (A) Conargo (A) Coolamon (A) Cootamundra (A) Corowa (A) Culcairn (A) Deniliquin (A) Griffith (C) Gundagai (A) Hay (A) Holbrook (A) Hume (A) Jerilderie (A) Junee (A) Leeton (A) Lockhart (A) Murray (A) Murrumbidgee (A) Narrandera (A) Temora (A) Tumbarumba (A) Tumut (A) Urana (A) Wagga Wagga (C) Wakool (A) Wentworth (A) Windouran (A)	
NOT APPLICABLE			
	Australian Capital Territory and South Eastern (SRs)	Australian Capital Territory Bega Valley (A) Bombala (A) Boorowa (A) Cooma-Monaro (A) Crookwell (A) Eurobodalla (A) Goulburn (C) Gunning (A) Harden (A) Mulwaree (A) Queanbeyan (C) Snowy River (A) Tallyganda (A) Yarrowiunla (A) Yass (A) Young (A)	

APPENDIX REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT—MAPS

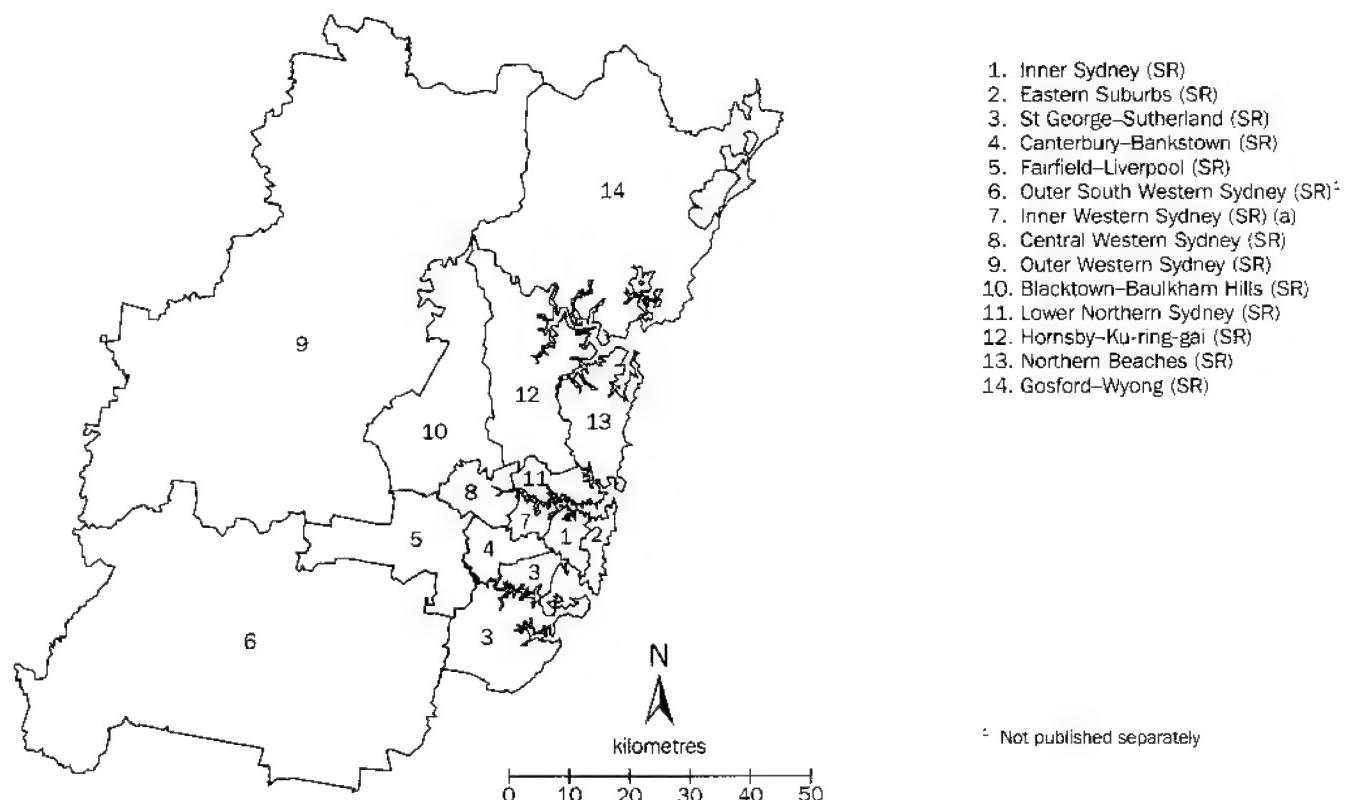
REGIONS OF NSW AND ACT



¹ Not published separately

² Excludes Far West (SD)

REGIONS OF SYDNEY (MSR)



¹ Not published separately

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA RELIABILITY

SOURCES OF ERROR

There are a number of possible sources of error in sample surveys and these can be classified into two types: sampling error; and non-sampling error.

NON-SAMPLING ERRORS

Non-sampling errors may arise as a result of errors in the reporting, recording or processing of the data and can occur even if there is a complete enumeration of the population. Non-sampling errors can be introduced through: inadequacies in the questionnaire; non-response; inaccurate reporting by respondents; errors in the application of survey procedures; incorrect recording of answers; and errors in data entry and processing.

It is difficult to measure the size of the non-sampling errors and the extent of these errors could vary considerably in significance from survey to survey, and from question to question. However, every effort is made in the design of the survey and development of survey procedures to minimise the effect of these errors.

SAMPLING ERRORS

Sampling error is the error which occurs by chance because the data were only obtained from a sample, not the entire population.

Standard errors of estimates

One measure of the variability of estimates which occurs as a result of surveying only a sample of the population is the standard error (SE). There are about two chances in three that a survey estimate is within one standard error of the figure that would have been obtained if all persons had been included and about 19 chances in 20 that it is within two standard errors. That is, there are 19 chances in 20 that the true estimate is in the range—

$$X - 2 \times SE(X) \text{ to } X + 2 \times SE(X)$$

(where X is the estimate)

The standard error of an estimate can be obtained from the tables on pages 62–64. Linear interpolation should be used to calculate the standard error of estimates falling between the sizes of estimates listed in the table (see example on page 61).

In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25% or less, and percentages based on such estimates, are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates and percentages with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate and this is known as the relative standard error (RSE). The RSE is determined by dividing the standard error of an estimate $SE(X)$ by the estimate X and expressing it as a percentage. That is—

$$RSE(X) = \frac{SE(X) \times 100}{X}$$

(where X is the estimate)

The look up list on the following page provides a guide for the calculation of standard errors and relative standard errors for a range of statistics.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA RELIABILITY *continued*

CALCULATING STANDARD ERRORS

The methods described below refer to the calculation of standard errors for NSW estimates. Standard errors of ACT estimates should be calculated from the table on page 64, using column 2 (from September 1992) instead of the table on page 62, and column 3 (Monthly movements for December 1992–January 1993 onwards) instead of the table on page 63.

MEASURE OF RELIABILITY TO BE DETERMINED	METHOD
Standard errors of estimates of employed persons.	Determine the SE from the table on page 62 directly.
Standard errors of estimates of unemployed persons.	Multiply the SE from the table on page 62 by 1.06.
Standard errors of estimates of persons not in the labour force.	Multiply the SE from the table on page 62 by 1.1.
Standard errors of rates (e.g. the unemployment rate which is based on the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the number of persons in the labour force).	Determine the RSE of the numerator (X) and the denominator (Y) then apply the following formula: $\text{RSE}\left(\frac{X}{Y}\right) = \sqrt{[\text{RSE}(X)]^2 - [\text{RSE}(Y)]^2}$
Standard error of average duration of unemployment.	Determine the RSE for the number of persons on which the average is based and multiply this by 1.3.
Standard error of median duration of unemployment.	Determine the RSE for the number of persons on which the average is based and multiply this by 2.0.
Standard error of monthly movements.	From the table on page 63, look up the SE of the larger estimate.
Standard error of quarterly movements.	Determine the standard error of the larger estimate from the table on page 62 and multiply this by 1.11.
Standard error of annual movements.	Determine the standard error of the larger estimate from the table on page 62 and multiply this by 1.3.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA RELIABILITY *continued*

LINEAR INTERPOLATION

Linear interpolation is used to determine the standard error of an estimate which falls between two values listed in the size of estimate column in the tables on page 62 or 63. Linear interpolation is best described using an example. In May 1997, there were 675,500 (X_e) employed persons working part-time in NSW. This estimate falls between the values 500,000 (X_l) and 1,000,000 (X_u) in the table on page 62.

The standard error of the estimate is determined as follows. Firstly calculate

$$\begin{aligned}F &= \frac{X_e - X_l}{X_u - X_l} \\&= \frac{675,500 - 500,000}{1,000,000 - 500,000} \\&= 0.35\end{aligned}$$

Secondly, calculate the standard error of the estimate, $SE(X_e)$ thus:

$$\begin{aligned}SE(X_e) &= SE(X_l) + (F \times [SE(X_u) - SE(X_l)]) \\&= 8,800 + (0.35 \times [11,300 - 8,800]) \\&= 9,675\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the standard error of the number of employed persons in May 1997 working part-time in NSW (675,500) is 9,675.

STANDARD ERRORS LEVEL ESTIMATES (a) — NSW

REGIONS IN SYDNEY (MSR).....

Size of estimate	NSW; Sydney (MSR); Balance of NSW (MSR)	Inner Sydney and Inner				Fairfield— Liverpool and Outer South		
		Western Sydney (SRs)	Inner Sydney (SR)	Eastern Suburbs (SR)	St George— Sutherland (SR)	Canterbury— Bankstown (SR)	Western Sydney (SRs)	Fairfield— Liverpool (SR)
500	420	340	330	300	300	280	330	290
1 000	590	500	480	430	430	410	470	410
3 000	1 000	890	860	770	780	740	850	750
5 000	1 300	1 150	1 150	1 000	1 050	970	1 100	980
10 000	1 750	1 700	1 650	1 500	1 500	1 400	1 650	1 450
20 000	2 400	2 450	2 450	2 200	2 200	2 100	2 350	2 100
50 000	3 550	4 050	4 050	3 650	3 700	3 500	3 850	3 500
100 000	4 750	5 900	6 000	5 400	5 500	5 200	5 600	5 200
200 000	6 200	8 600	8 900	8 000	8 100	7 700	8 200	7 700
300 000	7 300	10 700	11 300	10 100	10 200	9 700	10 200	9 800
500 000	8 800	14 200	15 200	13 600	13 800	13 000	13 500	13 100
1 000 000	11 300					—		
2 000 000	14 300							
5 000 000	19 300							

REGIONS IN SYDNEY (MSR) continued

Size of estimate	Central Western Sydney (SR)	Outer Western Sydney (SR)	Blacktown— Baulkham Hills (SR)	Lower Northern Sydney (SR)	Hornsby— Ku-ring-gai (SR)	Northern Beaches (SR)	Gosford— Wyong (SR)
500	300	310	270	360	320	250	330
1 000	440	450	390	520	460	360	470
3 000	790	820	700	940	830	650	850
5 000	1 050	1 100	920	1 250	1 100	860	1 150
10 000	1 500	1 550	1 350	1 800	1 600	1 250	1 650
20 000	2 250	2 300	1 950	2 650	2 350	1 850	2 400
50 000	3 750	3 850	3 300	4 450	3 900	3 100	4 050
100 000	5 500	5 700	4 850	6 500	5 800	4 550	6 000
200 000	8 200	8 500	7 200	9 700	8 600	6 800	8 900
300 000	10 300	10 700	9 100	12 300	10 900	8 500	11 200

REGIONS IN BALANCE OF NSW (MSR).....

Size of estimate	Illawarra and South				Northern, Far West— Mid-North			
	Hunter (SR)	Newcastle (SRS)	Eastern (SRs)	Illawarra (SR)	Wollongong (SRS)	Richmond— Tweed and Coast (SRs)	North Western and Central West (SRs)	Murray— Murrumbidgee (SR)
500	350	330	330	310	270	370	360	360
1 000	500	480	480	450	390	530	520	520
3 000	900	870	870	810	710	950	940	940
5 000	1 200	1 150	1 150	1 050	940	1 250	1 250	1 250
10 000	1 700	1 650	1 650	1 550	1 350	1 850	1 800	1 800
20 000	2 500	2 450	2 400	2 250	2 000	2 700	2 650	2 650
50 000	4 100	4 100	3 950	3 700	3 350	4 500	4 450	4 400
100 000	6 000	6 000	5 700	5 400	4 950	6 600	6 600	6 500
200 000	8 700	9 000	8 400	7 800	7 300	9 900	9 800	9 700
300 000	10 900	11 300	10 400	9 800	9 300	12 400	12 300	12 300

(a) Standard errors of estimates from September 1992. For standard errors for earlier periods, see previous issues of this publication.

STANDARD ERRORS MOVEMENT ESTIMATES (a) — NSW

REGIONS IN SYDNEY (MSR)

Size of estimate	NSW: Sydney (MSR): Balance of NSW (MSR)	Inner Sydney and Inner						Fairfield— Liverpool and Outer South
		Western Sydney (SRs)	Inner Sydney (SR)	Eastern Suburbs (SR)	St George— Sutherland (SR)	Canterbury— Bankstown (SR)	Western Sydney (SRs)	
500	540	330	270	260	240	240	290	220
1 000	690	440	360	350	330	330	390	300
3 000	1 050	700	600	580	540	540	630	500
5 000	1 250	870	750	730	680	680	780	630
10 000	1 600	1 150	1 050	990	930	930	1 050	860
20 000	2 050	1 550	1 400	1 350	1 250	1 250	1 400	1 150
50 000	2 900	2 300	2 150	2 050	1 950	1 900	2 050	1 750
100 000	3 700	3 100	2 900	2 800	2 650	2 650	2 800	2 400
200 000	4 750	4 200	4 000	3 850	3 600	3 600	3 750	3 300
300 000	5 500	5 000	4 800	4 600	4 350	4 300	4 400	4 400
500 000	6 700	6 200	6 000	5 800	5 400	5 400	5 500	5 000
1 000 000	8 600							
2 000 000	11 100							
5 000 000	15 500							

REGIONS IN SYDNEY (MSR) continued

Size of estimate	Central Western Sydney (SR)	Outer Western Sydney (SR)	Blacktown— Baulkham Hills (SR)	Lower Northern Sydney (SR)	Hornsby— Ku-ring-gai (SR)	Northern Beaches (SR)	Gosford— Wyong (SR)
500	220	240	250	290	230	210	270
1 000	300	330	340	400	310	280	380
3 000	490	540	560	660	510	470	620
5 000	610	680	700	830	640	590	780
10 000	840	940	960	1 150	870	800	1 050
20 000	1 150	1 300	1 300	1 550	1 200	1 100	1 450
50 000	1 750	1 950	2 000	2 350	1 800	1 650	2 200
100 000	2 350	2 650	2 700	3 200	2 450	2 250	3 000
200 000	3 250	3 600	3 700	4 400	3 400	3 100	4 100
300 000	3 900	4 350	4 450	5 300	4 050	3 750	4 950

REGIONS IN BALANCE OF NSW (MSR)

Size of estimate	Illawarra and South					Richmond— Tweed and Mid-North	North Western and Central	Northern, Far West— Mid-North Coast (SRs)	Murray— West (SRs)
	Hunter (SR)	Newcastle (SRS)	Illawarra Eastern (SRs)	Wollongong (SRS)					
500	320	280	340	340	260	300	340	290	
1 000	430	390	460	460	350	420	470	400	
3 000	690	640	740	730	580	680	760	660	
5 000	860	800	910	910	730	860	960	830	
10 000	1 150	1 100	1 250	1 200	990	1 200	1 300	1 150	
20 000	1 550	1 500	1 650	1 650	1 350	1 600	1 800	1 550	
50 000	2 300	2 250	2 450	2 400	2 050	2 450	2 750	2 350	
100 000	3 100	3 100	3 250	3 250	2 800	3 350	3 750	3 200	
200 000	4 150	4 250	4 400	4 350	3 850	4 550	5 100	4 350	
300 000	4 900	5 100	5 200	5 200	4 600	5 500	6 100	5 200	

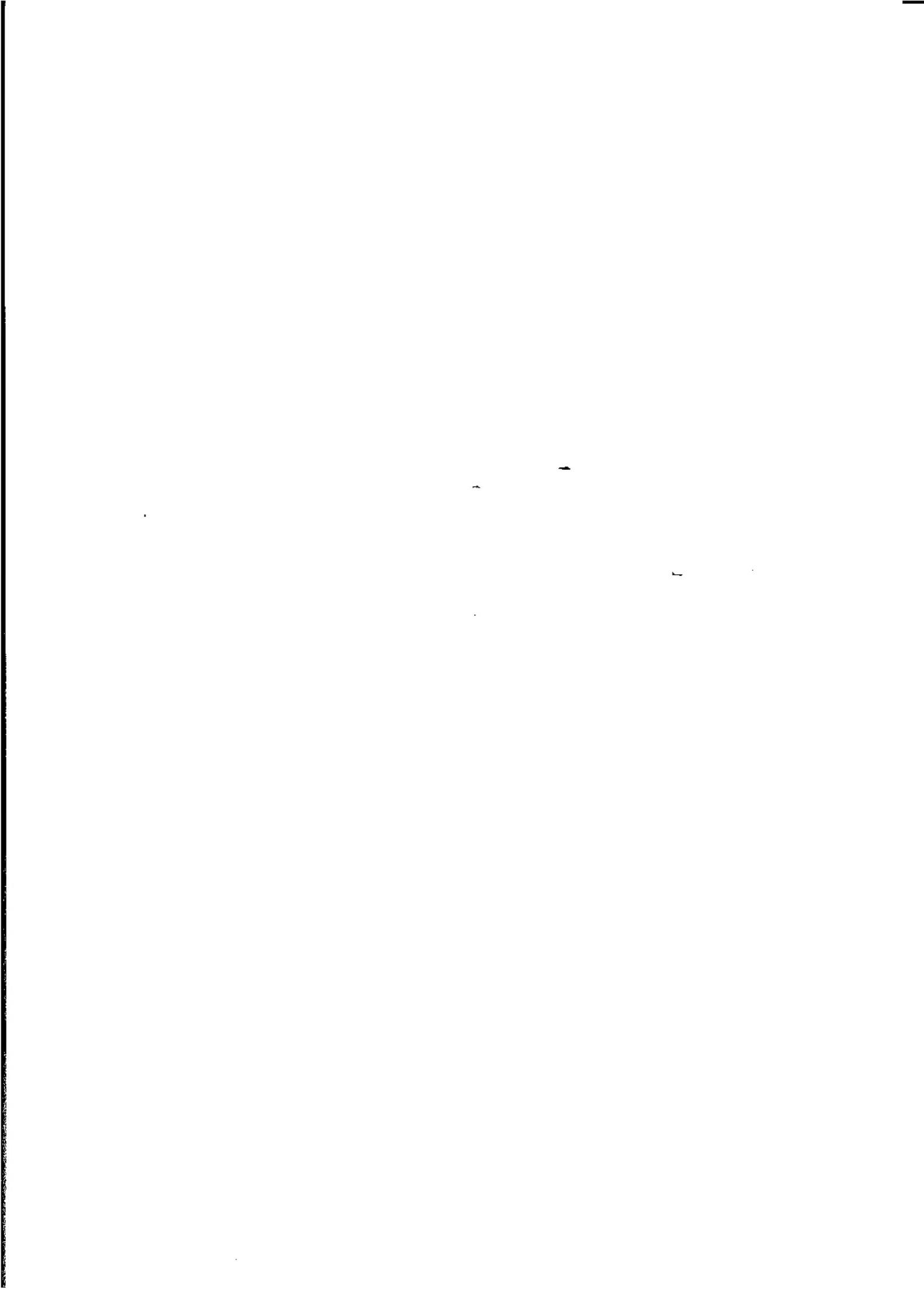
(a) Standard errors of month to month movements from December 1992–January 1993 onwards. For standard errors for earlier periods, see previous issues of this publication.

STANDARD ERRORS Level & movement estimates(a)—ACT

Size of estimate	From September 1992 (a)	Monthly movements for December 1992—January 1993 onwards (a)	
		January 1993 onwards (a)	
500	180	150	
1 000	240	220	
3 000	390	320	
5 000	490	390	
10 000	640	500	
20 000	840	640	
50 000	1 200	900	
100 000	1 550	1 150	
200 000	1 950	1 500	
300 000	2 250	1 750	

(a) For standard errors for earlier periods, see *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).







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